

In the wings



Jared Kushner, son-in-law of of President-elect Donald Trump walks from Trump Tower, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, in New York.

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In Trump's orbit, son-in-law expected to stay a power center

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WASHINGTON (AP) — As Donald Trump and President Barack Obama met privately at the White House, the president-elect's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, strolled the mansion's South Lawn, deep in conversation with Obama's chief of staff. Kushner held no formal role in Trump's campaign, and is said to be undecided on whether he'll join the administration. But his presence during the White House visit served notice that Kushner will continue to be an unparalleled pow-

er center in Trump's orbit, with or without a West Wing office.

In the days since Trump's stunning victory over Hillary Clinton, Kushner has been deeply involved in the decision-making over senior White House and Cabinet posts, according to people close to the transition team. He's said to have been an advocate for Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus becoming White House chief of staff, an appointment that was announced Sunday. Kushner, 35, and husband of Trump's daughter Ivanka was frequently by

his father-in-law's side during the final stretch of the bruising White House race. He spearheaded the campaign's data operation, had a hand in some policy speeches, and was often the last person Trump spoke to before making major decisions.

"Everyone on the campaign and transition leadership team would love him to come to Washington," Hope Hicks, Trump's press secretary, said of Kushner. Noting Kushner's expansive role in the campaign, Hicks added, "People are hopeful that will continue in the administration."

Kushner, who runs the Kushner family's real estate and construction business, has no experience in government and was not involved in politics before the 2016 election. As Kushner walked through the bustling West Wing during Trump's visit last week, he was heard asking Obama aides, "How many of these people stay?"

Nearly the entire West Wing staff will leave at the end of Obama's term. Filling their jobs is just one piece of the massive undertaking Trump faces as he sets up his administration before taking office on Jan. 20.

Kushner's options for a White House job are limited given his family ties to the president, according to Richard Painter, who served as President George W. Bush's White House ethics lawyer. Congress passed an anti-nepotism law in 1967 that prohibits the president from appointing a family member — including a son-in-law — to work in the office or agency they oversee. The measure was passed after President John F. Kennedy appointed his brother, Robert Kennedy, as attorney general.

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Giuliani emerges as favorite for Trump's secretary of state

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani has emerged as the favorite to serve as secretary of state in Donald Trump's incoming administration, a senior Trump official said on Monday — another indication the president-elect is putting a prize on loyalty as he narrows down his Cabinet picks.

The official, who was not authorized to speak on the record and requested anonymity, said there was no real competition for the job and that it was Giuliani's if he wanted it. But a second official cautioned that John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, remained in contention for the job.

Giuliani, 72, would be an out-of-box choice to lead the State Department. A former mayor, federal prosecutor and top Trump adviser, he lacks extensive foreign policy experience. Known for his hard-line law-and-order views and brusque manner, he would set a very different tone than previous holders of the job, including Trump's



Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, center, smiles as he leaves Trump Tower, Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, in New York.

ex-rival Hillary Clinton, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice.

Bolton has years of federal government experience, but he has also raised eyebrows with some of his hawkish stances, including a 2015 op-ed in The New York Times in which he advocated bombing Iran to halt the country's development of nuclear weapons. A spokeswoman for Giuliani did not immediately respond to a request for

comment about his interest in the job. But the former mayor said Monday night at a gathering of CEOs sponsored by the Wall Street Journal that he "won't be attorney general" in Trump's administration — a job for which he'd long been seen as a top contender.

Asked about the secretary of state speculation, Trump said that Bolton "would be a very good choice." But asked if there was anyone

better, he replied with a mischievous smile: "Maybe me, I don't know."

Trump was also considering Monday whether to inject new diversity into the GOP by recommending a woman to lead the Republican Party and an openly gay man to represent the United States at the United Nations.

The moves, among dozens under consideration from his transition team, follow an intense and extended

backlash from Trump's decision on Sunday to appoint Steve Bannon, a man celebrated by the white nationalist movement, to serve as his chief strategist and senior adviser.

"After winning the presidency but losing the popular vote, President-elect Trump must try to bring Americans together — not continue to fan the flames of division and bigotry," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi. She called Bannon's appointment "an alarming signal" that Trump "remains committed to the hateful and divisive vision that defined his campaign."

His inauguration just 66 days away, however, Trump focused on building his team and speaking to foreign leaders. He remained sequestered in Trump Tower in New York. Inexperienced on the international stage, the Republican president-elect spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin on the phone. His transition office said in a readout that "he is very much looking forward to having a strong and enduring relationship with Russia and the people of Russia." Trump has spoken in recent days with the leaders of China, Mexico, South Korea and Canada.

At the same time, Trump was considering tapping Richard Grenell as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. He would be the first openly gay person to fill a Cabinet-level foreign policy post. Grenell, known in part for aggressive criticism of rivals on Twitter, previously served as U.S. spokesman at the U.N. under President George W. Bush.

Trump was also weighing whether to select Michigan GOP chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, a niece of chief Trump critic and 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney. She would be the second woman ever to lead the Republican National Committee — and the first in four decades.

"I'll be interested in whatever Mr. Trump wants," McDaniel told The Associated Press on Monday, adding that she was planning to seek the Michigan GOP chairmanship again. □

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But the law does not appear to prevent Kushner from serving as an unpaid adviser. Painter said that arrangement would allow Kushner to both advise Trump and sidestep ethics rules requiring federal employees to comply with conflict of interest laws. "You can be an informal adviser to the president with lots of conflicts of interest," said Painter, a Republican who supported Clinton during the campaign. Trump is already facing questions about how he will avoid conflicts with his vast business interests. The billionaire has said he plans to fully turn his companies over to his adult children — Ivanka, as well as sons Don Jr. and Eric — but the arrangement he's described

does not appear to legally wall him off from information regarding the operations.

Kushner is directly tied to Trump's business interests through Ivanka, who oversees domestic and global expansion of the Trump Organization's real estate interests. And Kushner also has deep business ties of his own, serving as CEO of his family's New York-based real estate company and publisher of the New York Observer, a Manhattan-based newspaper read largely for its high society and real estate coverage. According to the Kushner Companies' website, the organization completed more than \$14 billion in transactions and \$7 billion in acquisitions since 2007. Kushner, who is Jewish and the grandson of Holocaust survivors, has defended

Trump against charges of anti-Semitism and racism. In an opinion piece this summer, he wrote that the worst Trump's detractors can fairly say about him "is that he has been careless in retweeting imagery that can be interpreted as offensive."

Kushner wrote the piece after Trump tweeted an image of Clinton featuring what appeared to be the Star of David over a backdrop of dollar bills. Trump has again come under criticism this week for naming conservative media provocateur Steve Bannon as his chief strategist. Bannon's ex-wife said in court papers that he refused to send his children to school with Jews when they were selecting a private school for their daughters to private school nearly a decade ago. Kushner took over his

family's real estate firm at the age of 23 after his father, Charles Kushner, went to prison for tax evasion, making illegal campaign contributions and witness intimidation. Charles Kushner's two year sentence was part of a plea deal negotiated by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a prominent Trump backer who previously served as a federal prosecutor.

Kushner is said to have tolerated Christie's role in the campaign, though he notably advocated for Trump to pick Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate over Christie — and succeeded in convincing his father-in-law to do so. On Friday, as Kushner was announced as a member of Trump's transition team, Christie — who had been chairing the operation — was demoted. □

In complete reversal, Obama refuses to criticize Trump

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday abandoned his dire warnings and dark predictions about his newly elected successor and urged Americans to give President-elect Donald Trump time to rise to the daunting responsibilities of the office, breaking sharply from his Democratic allies who have quickly condemned Trump's first major decisions.

In his first extended remarks on the election that pounded his party and his legacy, Obama sought to reassure an anxious world and nation about his successor's commitments to alliances, at times appearing almost sanguine about a future Trump administration.

Although he would not explicitly say Trump was qualified for the office, he said he believed the first-time officeholder would do his best to unite the nation, calling him pragmatic. He refused to wade into a political firestorm over Trump's decision to name a far-right conservative media mogul as a top adviser. And he expressed hope that the weight of the presidency will force Trump to overcome his shortcomings.

"He has won. He's going to be the next president and regardless of what experience or assumptions he

his successor was a 180-degree reversal from the rhetoric of his campaign takedowns. Only a week

to grips with Trump's surprising win, many Democrats have seized on a call not to accept or "normalize" the

Obama said. Relationships and policies go beyond presidents, he said, adding that military officials, diplomats and intelligence officers would cooperate with their foreign counterparts as before.

Obama acknowledged he had offered advice to Trump, saying he emphasized the need to shift from campaigning to governing, and the importance of resetting the tone after a contentious election.

"I don't think he is ideological," Obama said. "And that can serve him well as long as he has got good people around him and he has a clear sense of direction."

Obama suggested he would continue to offer his advice. He said he would urge Trump "to think long and hard" before making good on his promise to upend Obama's program that deferred deportation for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants who came to the country illegally as children.

Asked about one of Trump's most contentious moves since his triumph, appointing Steve Bannon as chief strategist and senior adviser, Obama said it was up to the president-elect to appoint a team.

"It's important for us to let him make his decisions," Obama said of the choice of Bannon, a man celebrated as a force for the far right. But adding a hint of worry, Obama said he counseled Trump: "It's really important to send some signals of unity."

Whereas Obama hailed Trump's "impressive" ability to speak to voters, he also delivered a subtle critique of Clinton's campaign. He said Democrats must broaden their focus beyond just swing states after an election that left the Senate and House in Republican hands, as well as most of the nation's governor's mansions. He rejected the idea that demographic advantages would lead to all-but-assured victories for the party, saying it must rebuild at the local, state and national levels. □



President Barack Obama listens to a reporters question during a news conference in the Brady press briefing room at the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

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brought to the office, this office has a way of waking you up," Obama said. "And some of his gifts that obviously allowed him to execute one of the biggest political upsets in history, those are ones that hopefully he will put to good use on behalf of all the American people."

Obama's refusal to criticize

ago, as he campaigned for Hillary Clinton, Obama said Trump was "woefully unprepared for the job" and couldn't "handle the nuclear codes."

Obama's latest remarks bore little resemblance to the calls for resistance coming from other Democrats and many of Obama's supporters. As they come

actions of a man who ran a divisive campaign that included charges of racism, sexism and other offensive rhetoric and actions.

But Obama, who was the target of some of that rhetoric, has embraced the role of national hand-holder. Both in private and in a brief statement last week, Obama has suggested that Democrats should buck up and move on. He's cast Trump's election as in line with the usual zig and zag of politics.

On Monday, as he prepared to embark on a three-nation trip abroad, Obama went so far as to vouch for Trump and his foreign policies. Although Trump campaigned as a harsh critic of NATO, Obama said Trump sounded a different note when they met in the Oval Office last week.

Obama said the Republican "expressed a great interest in maintaining our core strategic relationships," including "strong and robust NATO" partnerships.

"There is enormous continuity ... that makes us that indispensable nation when it comes to maintaining order around the world,"

Chelsea Manning asks Obama to cut sentence to time served

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chelsea Manning, who is more than six years into a 35-year sentence for leaking classified government and military documents to the WikiLeaks website, is asking President Barack Obama to commute her sentence to time served.

In a commutation application released by her attorneys, the transgender soldier said there was no historical precedent for such an extreme sentence for the leak of secret documents.

Manning was arrested in 2010 and convicted in



In this undated file photo provided by the U.S. Army, Pfc. Chelsea Manning poses for a photo wearing a wig and lipstick.

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2013 in military court of six Espionage Act violations and 14 other offenses for leaking more than 700,000

secret military and State Department documents, plus some battlefield video to WikiLeaks. □

SEC Chair White leaving at end of Obama administration

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mary Jo White, will leave office at the end of the Obama administration, the agency said Monday. White, a former federal prosecutor and private securities lawyer, was appointed by President Barack Obama in February 2013. Her term doesn't end until 2019.

President-elect Donald Trump is due to take office Jan. 20 and likely will name his own choice to head the market watchdog agency in the near future. His nominee could move to unwind restrictions on Wall Street banks and corporations. The Trump transition team has set as a goal to "dismantle" the Dodd-Frank reforms law enacted in response to the 2008 financial crisis.

Paul Atkins, a former SEC commissioner who is the team's point man for financial regulatory agencies, is an avowed opponent of regulating Wall Street.

White, an Independent, has had to forge consensus amid sometime robust opposition from the two Republicans on the five-member commission. Republicans criticized her for what they saw as overreach by the agency that could stifle financial innovation and economic growth.

Some Democrats, meanwhile, accused her of not being tough enough on

Wall Street and top executives who may have contributed to the crisis.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the liberal Democratic leader who is a fiery critic of Wall Street, last month called on Obama to replace White over the issue of requiring publicly traded corporations to more fully disclose their political spending. Under questioning at a Senate hearing, White wouldn't commit to getting the commission to adopt such a rule. She cited a Republican amendment to a catch-all government spending bill that prohibits the SEC from doing so.

Warren and several other Democratic senators were angered by White's position and by waffling on the issue by two long-pending Obama nominees to fill vacancies on the SEC. They blocked the nominations of the two candidates, a Democrat and a Republican. As a result, the five-member SEC has been down two since December 2015. The positions will likely be filled by Trump nominees.

In its announcement Monday, the SEC noted a number of rules and policies that White shepherded during her tenure, including regulations under the landmark Dodd-Frank law. Also included were changes to shore up the stability of the money-market fund industry and new protections for mutual fund investors.

The SEC also required financial firms that sell securities backed by mortgages or auto loans, like the kind



In an Aug. 11, 2015 file photo, Commissioner of the U.S. Security Exchange Commission Mary Jo White speaks during a news conference in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

that fueled the crisis, to give investors details on borrowers' credit records and income.

"My duty has been to ensure that the (SEC) implemented strong investor and market protections, and to establish an enduring foundation for future progress in the most critical areas," White said in a statement. "Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the SEC's staff, we have accomplished both."

Reflecting criticism from consumer and investor groups, Lisa Gilbert of Public Citizen called White "a disappointing chair."

"For more than three years, she stymied effective regulation from the SEC, slow-walking Dodd-Frank rules,"

said Gilbert, who heads the group's Congress Watch unit.

And now, she added, the Trump administration "likely will nominate someone in her place who is even more skeptical of investor protections."

White, who was U.S. attorney in Manhattan from 1993 through 2002, compiled an extensive record of prosecuting white-collar crime, won convictions in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the 1998 terrorist attacks on two U.S. embassies in Africa, and put crime boss John Gotti away. Her 2013 nomination by Obama as the first prosecutor to lead the SEC was taken as a signal in some quarters that he wanted

the government to get tougher with Wall Street.

After leaving government, White worked for a decade as a corporate attorney at a New York-based firm, her blue-chip client roster including JPMorgan Chase, Microsoft, General Electric and Toyota.

That work prompted tough questioning by some senators at her confirmation hearing in March 2013. White promised that she would avoid potential conflicts of interest caused by her past legal work and that of her husband, who is a corporate attorney. She said her work for large banks and corporations didn't mean that she had embraced their policies. □

Michigan gets federal OK to spend \$119M on lead abatement

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LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan won federal approval Monday to spend roughly \$119 million over five years to remove lead hazards from the homes of low-income residents in Flint and other communities — the second time the state has received a waiver to spend such additional money to respond to the city's tainted water crisis.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services authorized an amendment to Michigan's Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. The state will spend \$333,000 this fiscal year to obtain a nearly \$23.5 million federal match.

Houses, apartments and other residential structures will be eligible for expanded lead abatement services if there is at least one resident under age 19 who

qualifies for Medicaid or CHIP or a pregnant woman living there. Eligible properties in Flint, where the water supply was contaminated with toxic lead, will receive priority status. But the state, which has been deemed primarily responsible for the disaster, also will identify other high-risk municipalities. The decision came the same day that Flint Mayor Karen Weaver announced the renewal of an emer-

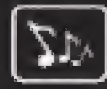
gency declaration she first ordered 11 months ago. Federal and state emergency declarations expired in August, though the governments have continued working to restore the drinking water system in the city of nearly 100,000 people.

"While the quality of our water in Flint is gradually improving, health officials still can't say the water is safe for people to use without a filter or when it will be, and

if that isn't an emergency I don't know what is," Weaver said.

The lead abatement funding will be used to permanently eliminate or enclose lead-based paint and lead dust, replace fixtures, test samples, and remove or cover lead hazards in the soil. In Flint, the program also will include the replacement of exterior lead service lines that connect water mains to homes. □

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FBI: Hate crimes against Muslims up by 67 percent in 2015

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ATLANTA (AP) — Reported hate crimes against Muslims rose in 2015 to their highest number since the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, according to FBI statistics released Monday.

Overall, the total number of hate crimes against all groups reported by law enforcement agencies to the FBI increased from 5,479 in 2014 to 5,850 last year. That remains far lower than the numbers seen in the early 2000s, but the FBI release comes amid numerous reports of attacks nationwide based on race and religion following last week's presidential election.

The most recent reporting covers calendar year 2015, which included the terror attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, California, as well as Republican Donald Trump's call for a ban on all Muslims entering the U.S. All of those, however, did not occur until the final two months of the year.

It's not yet known whether Trump plans to implement such a ban now that he has won the presidency. Critics say his pledge has contributed to anti-Muslim sentiment.

"We've seen how words from public figures like Donald Trump translate into violence," said Mark Potok with the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups in the U.S.

Last year, there were 257 reported incidents of anti-Muslim bias compared to 154 the year before, a 67 percent increase. The number of reported hate crimes against Muslims peaked at 481 in 2001.

Ibrahim Hooper, spokes-



Enas Almadhwah, an immigration outreach organizer for the Arab American Association of New York, stands for a photo along Fifth Avenue in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn, Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, in New York.

Associated Press

man for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said he was not surprised to see the large increase in 2015 and said he expects the trend to continue.

"We saw a spike in anti-Muslim incidents nationwide beginning toward the end of 2015.

That spike has continued until today and even accelerated after the election of President-elect Trump," Hooper said.

There have been reports of racist and anti-religious incidents around the country since the Nov. 8 election.

Two students at a vocational school in York County, Pennsylvania, held a Donald Trump sign in a hallway as someone shouted "white power," an incident captured on video and widely shared on Facebook.

In Silver Spring, Maryland, a banner advertising a Spanish-language service

at an Episcopal church was slashed and the words "Trump nation. Whites only" were written on the back.

Authorities on two California State University campuses, in San Diego and San Jose, were investigating reports that two women wearing headscarves were attacked.

At San Diego State University, authorities said a Muslim woman had her car keys and vehicle stolen by two men who targeted her while she wore a hijab and made comments about Donald Trump's election.

At the same time, a videotaped assault in Chicago showed black men beating a white man as onlookers screamed, "You voted Trump!"

On Sunday, Trump said he had not heard reports that some of his supporters might be harassing minorities.

"I am so saddened to hear

that," Trump said during an interview with CBS's "60 Minutes." "And I say, stop it. If it, if it helps, I will say this and I will say right to the cameras: Stop it."

According to the FBI report, the majority of hate crimes were motivated by bias against race or ethnicity. Of the 4,216 victims of a hate crime motivated by race or ethnicity, 52 percent were black, 18.7 percent were white and 9.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino. Crimes against Jews increased about 9 percent, while bias incidents involving sexual orientation were up 3.5 percent.

Civil rights groups have expressed concern that a Trump administration could radically reshape the U.S. Department of Justice, particularly when it comes to policing but also in terms of the priority placed on hate crimes. Those concerns were compounded over

the weekend after Trump named as his chief White House strategist Steve Bannon, who came to his campaign from Breitbart News. Under his leadership, the Breitbart website became one of the leading outlets of the so-called alt-right, a movement often associated with far-right efforts to preserve "white identity" and oppose multiculturalism.

Michael Lieberman with the Anti-Defamation League said there have been "unprecedented efforts" to address hate crimes in recent years, from outreach to law enforcement, community meetings and an emphasis on cooperation among federal agencies.

Any increases, including the ones seen in anti-Muslim crimes, could be due in part to more reporting by victims as well as better reporting and tracking by law enforcement agencies. The number of law enforcement agencies sending data on hate crimes to the FBI decreased by about 3 percent in 2015.

An AP investigation earlier this year found 17 percent of local law enforcement agencies had not submitted a single hate crime report during the past six years as part of the FBI's tracking program, prompting concerns that an undercount was masking the true scope of hate and bias crimes in the U.S.

"Gaps in participation and incomplete reporting demonstrate materially that this work must continue, and we will be pressing the Trump Justice Department and U.S. attorneys so this important work will be ongoing," Lieberman said. □

Woman arrested in New York in death of twin in cliff crash

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A woman accused of killing her twin sister by driving their vehicle off a Hawaii cliff in May was being held Monday in a New York jail after being charged with murder for the second time in the case, authorities said. New York State Police announced over the weekend that Alexandria Duval, 38, was arrested Friday after she was tracked down at an Albany home. Police say Duval tried to flee when they spotted her outside the residence, but she was soon caught. The arrest came after a warrant was issued for Duval's arrest when a grand jury in Hawaii indicted her on a second-degree murder charge last month. Maui Prosecuting Attorney John Kim said he could not comment on the case because the indictment was sealed. Late Monday, a Hawaii court made the indictment



In this Oct. 12, 2011, file photo, Anastasia, left, and Alexandria Duval, known as Alison and Ann Dadow before they changed their names, stand in the window of their yoga studio in West Palm Beach, Fla.

public, but Kim could not immediately be reached for comment. The indictment was filed on

Oct. 31, but it was only released Monday after New York state police arrested Alexandria Duval on Friday.

Associated Press

Authorities on Maui said Alexandria was driving a Ford Explorer on Hana Highway on May 29 with her sister Anastasia Duval in the passenger seat when the SUV crashed into a rock wall and plunged about 200 feet onto a rocky shoreline during what authorities described as a hair-pulling fight over

the steering wheel. Anastasia Duval was killed, and Alexandria was injured. Alexandria was arrested and jailed then on a second-degree murder charge, accused of deliberately causing her sister's death. A judge later ordered the release of Alexandria after determining there was no probable cause for a murder charge. She was later indicted on the charge. In August, Duval was arrested in upstate New York on a drunken driving charge after authorities say she nearly struck a vehicle driven by a state police investigator. She was released about three weeks later.

Duval was being held in Albany County Jail awaiting extradition to Hawaii. The Duval sisters, born Alison and Ann Dadow in the Utica, New York, area, operated popular yoga studios in Palm Beach County, Florida, from 2008 to 2014 before they changed their names. They moved to Hawaii in December 2015 from Utah. □

Suspended officer who displayed Confederate flag resigns

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan police officer suspended after flying a Confederate flag from his pickup during a political rally has resigned. Traverse City Manager Marty Colburn says Michael Peters turned in his resignation Monday evening. Colburn says Peters apologized to the community and "for the stain he put on the city" and its police department. Colburn says he believes Peters' apology was sincere.

The Traverse City Record-Eagle reports (<http://bit.ly/2fss9PC>) that Peters was suspended with pay after he was seen Friday driving the pickup with the flag near a group protesting the election of Republican Donald Trump as president. Peters also was seen drinking a beer in a restricted parking zone. He had previously parked the vehicle displaying the flag in the police department's lot. Colburn says Peters' behavior remains under investigation. □



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Israeli minister: Trump election is time to 'reset' policies

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A senior Israeli Cabinet minister on Monday said the election of Donald Trump has helped create an opportunity for Israel to abandon its stated commitment to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The remarks by Naftali Bennett reflect sentiment in the nationalist Israeli right wing that Trump's election could usher in a new era of relations with the United States. While the two countries are close allies, relations were sometimes tense between President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu because of their vastly different world views.

Bennett last week welcomed Trump's election, predicting that "the special relationship" with the U.S. would grow stronger and noting that the Republican campaign platform had no mention of a Palestinian state.

"The era of a Palestinian state is over," he declared at the time.

Speaking to foreign reporters on Monday, Bennett was more cautious, citing an order by Netanyahu for his Cabinet not to talk about the election in public. But he made clear that he will push his own government to rethink its commitment to Palestinian independence.

"The combination of the changes in the United States, in Europe and the region provide Israel with a unique opportunity to reset and rethink everything," Bennett said.

"It's no secret that I think that the notion of setting up a Palestine in the heart



In this Monday, Feb. 16, 2015 file photo, Naftali Bennett, leader of the Jewish Home party, speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Jerusalem.

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of Israel is a profound mistake," he added. "I believe that we have to bring alternative new ideas instead of the Palestinian state approach."

Though Bennett said he didn't know whether Trump would support that view, he said it's critical that Israel now clearly define its own vision.

"My expectation is not from anyone abroad," he said. "After many years, the Israeli government has to decide what do we want." Bennett's comments were also an indicator of the pressure Netanyahu could soon face to abandon his commitment to the "two-state solution" favored by Obama and the international community.

For two decades, the international community has been pushing for a negotiated peace deal that would include the establishment of a Palestinian

state in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip — areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

The thinking was that Israel's continued occupation of millions of Palestinians would create a demographic time bomb in which Arabs would eventually outnumber Jews, threatening Israel's status as a democracy with a Jewish majority. After opposing Palestinian independence for most of his career, Netanyahu reluctantly endorsed the idea shortly after Obama took office in 2009.

But critics, including Obama, have said that continued Israeli settlement on occupied territories have undercut this goal, and the Obama administration has at times questioned Netanyahu's commitment to seeking peace.

Bennett leads the Jewish

Home party, a coalition partner that is affiliated with the West Bank settler movement. He is one of the most influential voices in Israeli politics, and both his party and most members of Netanyahu's Likud oppose Palestinian statehood on either religious or security grounds.

Bennett has instead called for annexing parts of the West Bank and granting the Palestinians in other parts expanded autonomy, with new roads, office parks and economic opportunities, with Israel retaining overall security control.

Israeli hard-liners welcomed Trump's elec-

tion last week, noting the strong support for Israel in his campaign platform and the many pro-Israel officials who advised him during his campaign. Their spirits were further boosted after a Trump adviser, Jason Greenblatt, told an Israeli radio station last week that his boss doesn't think West Bank settlements are an "obstacle to peace."

Following Greenblatt's comments, Cabinet Minister Ofir Akunis, a close Netanyahu associate, called for a renewed wave of settlement construction.

But such sentiments may have been premature.

Trump's unpredictability has raised concerns that he might change his attitudes once in office. Over the weekend, for instance, Trump told the Wall Street Journal that he would like to help broker a solution to the conflict "for humanity's sake."

In an interview with "Israel Today," a free daily owned by Republican super-donor Sheldon Adelson, Trump said he believed his administration can play "a significant role" in helping the Mideast parties reach an agreement.

Netanyahu told his Cabinet on Sunday that he would soon be meeting Trump. He ordered his Cabinet and lawmakers to avoid speaking to the media about the election while the incoming U.S. administration formulates its policies. □

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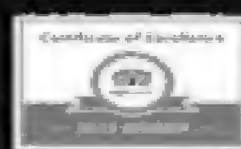


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New Zealand begins rescue of tourists stranded by earthquake

NICK PERRY

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) —

New Zealand on Tuesday began a rescue operation involving hundreds of tourists and residents who remain stranded in the coastal town of Kaikoura after a powerful earthquake cut off train and vehicle access.

The defense force said it had started ferrying people out by military helicopter and that a navy ship from Auckland was due to arrive in the area Wednesday morning.

The magnitude 7.8 quake that struck the South Island early Monday left two people dead and triggered a small tsunami. It also brought down rocks and mud that swept across highways and cracked apart roads.

Home to about 2,000 residents, Kaikoura is a popular destination for travelers taking part in whale-watching expeditions or wanting a stopover with mountain views. But the quake knocked out water supplies and sewer systems and left people with no easy way out.

"From all directions, Kaikoura has essentially been isolated," Air Commodore Darryn Webb, acting commander of New Zealand's Joint Forces, told The Associated Press. "There's a real imperative to support the town because it can't support itself."

Webb said the military was using four NH90 helicopters that could each transport about 18 people at a time out of the town. He said the ship could pick up hundreds of people if weather conditions allowed.

"We're going to get as many people and belongings out as quickly as we can," Webb said.

He said the operation could take several days and that



New Zealand Prime Minister John Key, left in white shirt and black top, and Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee, center, meet with stranded tourists and locals following an earthquake during a visit to Kaikoura, New Zealand, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

Associated Press

if needed, a C-130 military transport plane could drop fuel, water, food and other supplies to the town. He said about five metric tons of supplies were ready to be delivered from Christchurch.

Sarah Stuart-Black, director of the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, said the priority was transporting out those people with health issues or international flights booked. She said 34 people had been airlifted out by noon Tuesday.

She said the community was rallying to help the tourists.

"It's fantastic that some of the locals in Kaikoura have taken in tourists into their own homes," she said.

Elsewhere, many people returned to work in the capital, Wellington, after the quake shut down much of the central city on Monday. But some build-

ings remained closed and heavy rain and flooding compounded the difficulties for others.

And strong aftershocks continued to shake New Zealand, rattling the nerves of exhausted residents.

Police said one person died in Kaikoura and another in Mt. Lyford, a nearby ski resort. Several other people suffered minor injuries in Kaikoura, police spokeswoman Rachel Purdom said. Prime Minister John Key flew over Kaikoura by helicopter Monday as aftershocks kicked up dust from the landslides below. Cars could be seen lying on their sides and parts of the road were clearly impassable.

"It's just utter devastation," Key said. Police stepped up their patrols after receiving several reports of burglaries in homes and businesses that had been evacuated due to the quake. Police

said six guns, some of them antiques, were stolen from a home near the town of Nelson.

Three cows whose predicament captured the interest of people around the world after they became stranded on a small island of grass in an area ripped apart by the quake were rescued. The Newshub news service reported a farmer and some helpers

dug a track to them and brought them out.

New Zealand, with a population of 4.7 million, sits on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of seismic faults around the Pacific Ocean where earthquakes are common. An earthquake in Christchurch five years ago destroyed thousands of homes and buildings and killed 185 people. □

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Netherlands extradites 2 genocide suspects to Rwanda

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Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Two Rwandan men accused of participating in the 1994 genocide against Tutsis have arrived in Kigali, Rwanda, following their extradition from the Netherlands, an official said Saturday.

The suspects — Jean-Claude Iyamuremye, 40, and Jean Baptiste Mugimba, 57 — were handed over Saturday to Rwandan authorities by Dutch officials at Kigali International Airport.

The suspects are considered to have played a key role in the Rwandan genocide in which over 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed by Hutu extremists, Richard Muhumuza, Rwanda's prosecutor-general, told The Associated Press in Kigali.

Their extradition follows a Dutch court decision that rejected their appeals that they could face torture if they were forced to return to Kigali. Both suspects have maintained their innocence.

"It has been a long drawn



In this Jan. 5, 2014, file photo, South Sudanese Information Minister Michael Makuei attends a press conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Associated Press

out process that has finally culminated in the successful transfer of the suspects to the Kigali Central Prison where they will await trial before the specialized International Crimes Chamber of the High Court," Muhumuza said. The special court was set up by the Rwandan judiciary to try persons accused of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity who were transferred from foreign countries. In the Netherlands, Iyamuremye had been a

resident of Voorburg while Mugimba lived in Leusden. The Rwandan government submitted an extradition request for Mugimba in 2012 and for Iyamuremye in September 2013. Muhumuza said both Mugimba and Iyamuremye will be tried for genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, complicity in genocide, direct and public incitement to commit genocide, murder as a crime against humanity and extermination as a crime against humanity.

According to the indictment, Iyamuremye allegedly participated in attacks on Tutsis during the genocide as a leader of the Hutu extremist "Interahamwe" militia.

The victims were hunted down, chased from their homes and taken away to places where they were killed on a massive scale.

The Rwandan prosecution says one of the attacks in which Iyamuremye was involved took place at a technical school in the capital Kigali on April 11,

1994, when armed groups stormed the grounds of the École Technique Officielle and killed thousands of people.

Mugimba, as political leader of an extremist Hutu party then known as Coalition for the Defense of the Republic, allegedly was involved in compiling death-lists, supplying weapons to militia groups, and attacking Tutsis in and around Kigali.

Mugimba fled to The Netherlands in 1999 and was arrested in January 2014. □

Pakistan warns of escalation after clashes in Kashmir



In this Oct. 1, 2016 file photo, Pakistan army soldiers gather at a forward area post on the Line of Control (LOC), that divides Kashmir between Pakistan and India, in Tatta Pani, some 123 miles, 199 km, from Islamabad, Pakistan.

Associated Press

ASIF SHAHZAD

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's military says Indian troops fired on its soldiers in Kashmir on Monday, killing seven of them and prompting return fire, as officials warned that the tense standoff between the nuclear-armed rivals could escalate. The two sides have traded fire repeatedly in recent weeks across the Line of Control, which divides the Himalayan region into Indian and Pakistani-controlled zones. The two nuclear rivals each claim the entire territory, and have fought two of their three wars over it.

"The international community should pay attention," Pakistani Defense Minister Khawaja Mohammad Asif told Geo News TV. "It can escalate. This could be catastrophic for the region." He added that Pakistani

troops had also inflicted losses on the Indian army, without elaborating.

An Indian army officer said Pakistan had fired on Indian troops in a breach of the cease-fire, and that they "effectively retaliated."

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters, said there were no casualties on the Indian side.

The latest escalation was set off by a September attack on an Indian military base by Pakistani militants. India blamed the attack on Pakistan, which has denied involvement.

Tensions have run high since Indian troops killed a Kashmiri militant leader in July. The killing ignited some of the most violent protests in years, and dozens of people have been killed in India's resulting crackdown. □

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Suicide bombers kill 12 in Iraqi cities of Fallujah, Karbala

SINAN SALAHEDDIN
 Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Suicide bombers targeted two major cities in Iraq on Monday, striking security forces in the Sunni city of Fallujah and Shiite pilgrims in the holy city of Karbala in the country's south, killing at least six people in each attack. The bombings are an apparent attempt by the Islamic State group to strike back as government troops' advance on their stronghold in the northern city of Mosul. The Sunni militant group claimed responsibility for both bombings. In Fallujah, the attack was carried out by twin suicide car bombers in the city center — the first such incidents since Iraqi forces in late June declared it "fully liberated" of Islamic State militants after a monthlong operation aided by U.S.-led airstrikes. Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen Saad Maan said one of the Fallujah bombers killed two policemen and wounded 17 people, including nine civilians. "They hit a security checkpoint," he said, adding that traffic had been heavy in the area and around 10 vehicles including an ambulance had been damaged. The second bomber killed four people, including two policemen. IS claimed responsibility for the attack, posting videos online of the bombers before the attack, their faces masked and brandishing assault

rifles. Fallujah was the first Iraqi city to fall to IS, in January 2014. Since IS was driven out, families have begun returning to the city, 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad. Earlier in the day, a suicide bombing targeted the sacred Shiite city of Karbala, killing at least six civilians in an attack also claimed by IS. According to Maan, the ministry spokesman, six suicide bombers tried to sneak into Karbala from its western outskirts but security forces detected and killed five of them. The sixth attacker broke into a house in the city's Ayn al-Tamer neighborhood, where he detonated his suicide vest, killing six people and wounding another six, Maan said. The attack came as hundreds of thousands of faithful Shiites have been walking to Karbala to commemorate the 7th century death of Imam Hussein, Prophet Muhammad's grandson and an iconic Shiite martyr. The city, where Imam Hussein and his brother are buried, is located some 90 kilometers (55 miles) south of Baghdad. On Sunday, pilgrims are expected to converge on the city for the climax of a 40-day mourning period, known as al-Arbacien. In an online statement, the Islamic State group said it targeted "polytheists ... in filthy Karbala." It put the number of the suicide bombers at five, saying they clashed for hours with

the security forces and set off their explosives consecutively when they ran out of ammunition. The militants often exaggerate their claims. The Associated Press could not verify the authenticity of the statement, but it was posted on a militant website commonly used by the extremist group. Like other Sunni extremist groups, IS considers the Shiites heretics and has frequently targeted Shiite civilians and places of worship. "We are walking all these long distances, we are not afraid of terrorists, we are not afraid of Daesh," said 56-year-old pilgrim Sattar Hussein, using the Arabic acronym for IS. "We are not afraid of anyone who defames Islam. And especially those who are targeting the al-Arbacien." Wearing a black traditional Arab dress, Hussein was among hundreds of pilgrims leaving Baghdad on foot to head to Karbala under tight security measures. Some of the marchers were carrying religious flags, including some with a portrait depicting Imam Hussein, as security forces set up check points to search them. In southern Iraq's Shiite heartland, Karbala is far from Mosul, where a massive Iraqi military operation — launched last month and backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes and paramilitary militias — is underway to free the city, Iraq's second-largest, from



Iraqi federal police guard Shiite pilgrims marching toward Karbala for the Arbacen ritual in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. The holiday marks the end of the forty day mourning period after the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, the Prophet Muhammad's grandson in the 7th century.

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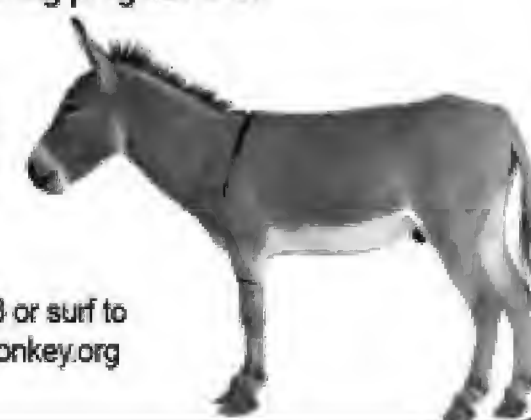
IS. A U.N. spokesman said Monday that more than 54,000 people have fled their homes as a result of the Iraqi military operation to retake Mosul from IS militants. Farhan Haq said that number represented an increase of 6,600 people since four days ago. About three quarters of the displaced people are being sheltered in camps set up by the U.N. and its humanitarian partners and one quarter are being housed in host

communities, Haq said. He added that the World Food Program has provided food assistance to more than 100,000 people fleeing the conflict, including a distribution to 25,000 people on Sunday in Gog-jall, the first neighborhood retaken inside Mosul. On Sunday, a wave of attacks in and around Baghdad killed at least 23 people and wounded 70 others. Many of the assaults targeted Shiite pilgrims walking toward Karbala. □

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Colombia tries again for peace with sides signing new accord

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Colombia tried a second time to achieve peace, with its government and largest rebel group signing a revised deal to end its brutal conflict following the surprise rejection of an earlier peace accord by voters in a referendum.

Government negotiator Humberto de la Calle and rebel negotiator Ivan Marquez announced the new, modified deal Saturday in Havana, moving to end a half-century-long conflict that has claimed more than 220,000 lives and driven almost 8 million people from their homes.

The latest agreement aims to address some of the concerns of opponents of the original accord, who said the deal was too lenient on a rebel group that had kidnapped and committed war crimes.

"The new deal is an opportunity to clear up doubts, but above all to unite us," said De la Calle, who described the text of the modified accord as "much better" than the previous one. The negotiator didn't say if or how it would be submitted again to voters for approval or to congress. President Juan Manuel Santos and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia inked an initial peace deal on Sept. 26 amid international fanfare after more than four years of negotiations. But voters rejected it on Oct. 2 by just 55,000 votes, dealing a stunning setback to Santos who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end Colombia's conflict.

Santos immediately began looking for ways to rescue the deal and the sides extended a cease-fire until Dec. 31 to get the modi-



Ivan Marquez, chief negotiator of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, from left, Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez, and Humberto de la Calle, head of Colombia's government peace negotiation team, applaud after the signing of the latest text of the peace accord between the two sides in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016.

fied deal done. The rebels insisted they wouldn't go back to the drawing board and throw out years of arduous negotiations with the government.

"The meetings with the FARC delegation were intense," said De la Calle. "We worked 15 days and nights to reach this new agreement."

De la Calle said some modifications made were related to justice, punishment for combatants accused of war crimes and reparations for the conflict's victims. He said negotiators had worked out the details of how and where those responsible for crimes would serve their sentences, addressing complaints by opponents that rebels accused of atrocities would not be imprisoned but submitted to "alternative punishments." Other modifications include requiring the rebels to present an inventory of acquired money and holdings, and the provision of safeguards for private owners and property dur-

ing reforms carried out in the countryside.

Cases of conflict participants accused of drug trafficking would be dealt with under Colombia's penal code and be heard by high courts.

In a televised address Saturday night, Santos said he had instructed De la Calle and the negotiating team to return to Bogota to explain the details of the new accord to the "no" campaign led by conservative former President Alvaro Uribe.

Santos said that an issue where negotiators did not achieve advances was on the insistence by opponents of the peace deal that guerrilla leaders not be allowed to run for elected office.

"We won't have assigned legislative seats. To the contrary, they will have to participate in elections. Nor will they have positions in government, as has occurred in other cases. But yes they can be elected," he said.

FARC negotiator Marquez

said "the implementation of the accord is all that remains for the construction of the bases for peace in Colombia."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry congratulated Colombians, including Santos and those from the "no" campaign, for reaching the new peace deal.

"After 52 years of war, no peace agreement can satisfy everyone in every detail. But this agreement constitutes an important step forward on Colombia's path to a just and durable peace. The United States, in coordination with

bia, will continue to support full implementation of the final peace agreement," he said in a statement.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's office said Sunday that he "commends the parties for maintaining firm their commitment to the cease-fire and cessation of hostilities" and "reaffirms the support of the United Nations for the peace process."

Hours before the deal was announced, Uribe, who was Colombia's president from 2002 to 2010, had asked that it "not be definitive" until opponents and victims of the conflict could review the text.

Following a meeting with Santos, Uribe read a statement to reporters saying he had asked that the "texts to be announced from Havana" not be official until they had been reviewed.

Uribe and his supporters had demanded stiffer penalties for rebels who committed war crimes and criticized the promise of a political role for the FARC, a 7,000-strong peasant army that is Latin America's last remaining major insurgency.

They didn't like that under the old deal guerrilla leaders involved in crimes against humanity would be spared jail time and allowed to enter political life. □

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credible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps. In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong-I recommend Aruba Aloe brand! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line. Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I

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The Nominees for Employee of the 3rd Quarter for 2016 for Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach were: Edmond Kock from the Engineering department, Andres Navarro of the Housekeeping Department and Julio Morales of the Pool & Beach Department and the winner was Andres Navarro of the Housekeeping Department.

The Nominees for Supervisor of the 3rd Quarter for 2016 for Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach were: Ramon Statie of Pool & Beach and Wanda Abreu of the Housekeeping Department. The winner was Ramon Statie of the Pool & Beach department.

Celebrating her 5th anniversary with the Divi Phoenix was Yvette Narayan of the Front Office.

Celebrating her 20th



anniversary with Divi Phoenix was Mary Morris of the Housekeeping.

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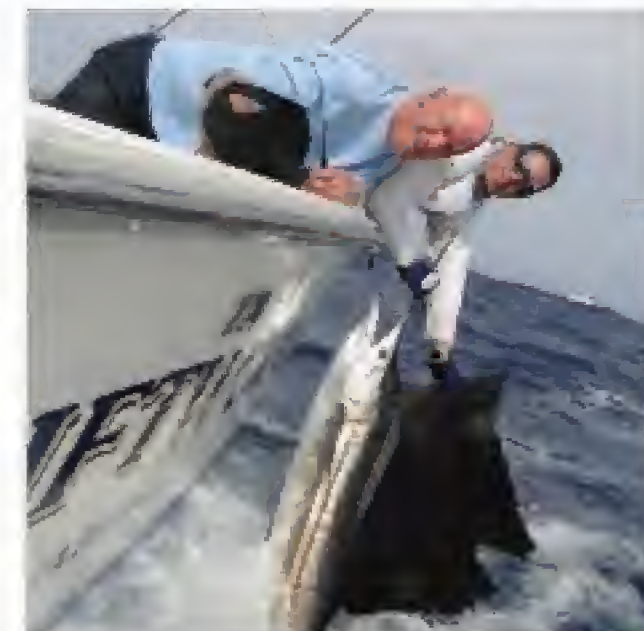


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Alex Noren of Sweden holds the trophy after winning the Nedbank Golf Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016.

Associated Press

Mcllroy, Stenson among final 4 as Race to Dubai nears end

STEVE DOUGLAS
AP Sports Writer

The Race to Dubai has reached the final event of the season and four golfers are still in contention to become the European Tour's top player.

Three of them — Henrik Stenson, Danny Willett and Rory Mcllroy — have won majors. The other, Alex Noren, is in major-winning form after earning four victories since July.

Stenson, the British Open champion, leads the Race to Dubai standings by almost 300,000 points over Willett, the Masters champion, and 600,000 over Noren.

Should he win the DP World Tour Championship, which starts Thursday, he will be Europe's No. 1 for the second time in four years. He could even finish atop the standings with a top-eight finish, provided Willett doesn't win or finish second and Noren doesn't win.

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AIRING OUT



Murray wins in first match as No. 1

Andy Murray of Britain celebrates winning match point against Marin Cilic of Croatia during their ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.
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U.S. women close year with a 5-0 win over Romania

DAN GREENSPAN

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CARSON, Calif. (AP) — It was an eventful year for the U.S. women's national team off the field, with Hope Solo's suspension after the Rio Olympics, lawsuits over the expiring collective bargaining agreement and Megan Rapinoe's protest during the national anthem dominating the headlines.

But in their final match of the year, the Americans offered a summary of how things played out on the field in equal parts fulfillment and disappointment, with Crystal Dunn, Christen Press, Morgan Brian and Samantha Mewis scoring to help the U.S. beat Romania 5-0 on Sunday night. The U.S. blistered Romania with 31 shots and did not allow a shot, but U.S. coach Jill Ellis was not happy with the team's wastefulness.

"I think we left a lot to be said," Ellis said.

The same could be said of a year in which the Americans went 22-0-3 in regulation play, scoring 92 goals and conceding 10, but failed to defend their Olympic gold medal after losing to Sweden on penalty kicks in the quarterfi-



United States midfielder Tobin Heath, left, kicks toward the goal as Romania goalkeeper Roxana Oprea defends during the first half of an exhibition soccer match, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, in Carson, Calif.

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nals. Still, the U.S. ended on a largely positive note.

"I think we all reacted well to it and 2017 is going to be an intense year," Dunn

said.

An own goal in the 20th minute opened the scoring for the U.S. when Dunn's cross was chested into the

net by Teodora Meluta. Dunn scored her 14th goal this year in the first minute of first-half stoppage time, sprinting past two defend-

ers to take a pass from Press and put a shot between Roxana Oprea's legs.

Press made it 3-0 in the 55th minute, connecting with Tobin Heath on a give-and-go and scoring for the fourth consecutive game. Press had a hat trick Thursday night in San Jose in the Americans' 8-1 victory over Romania.

Brian scored on a penalty kick in the 88th minute and Samantha Mewis added a goal in the first minute of additional time. Rapinoe wasn't included on the U.S. roster for the second consecutive match.

Ellis is planning to hold camps for the national team and the Under-23s in January, operating on the assumption that they will be conducted under the current contractual structure. But Ellis did not know the status of negotiations between players and U.S. Soccer.

"I don't get involved in that," Ellis said. "That's between them and lawyers and all that good stuff." □

Rage to Dubai

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McIlroy has dropped to fourth place after missing the Turkish Airlines Open and last week's Nedbank Challenge in South Africa, leaving him with an outside chance of winning his fourth Race to Dubai title and his third in three years. The four-time major winner must win and needs Stenson to finish outside the top 45, Willett to place outside the top five and Noren to fall past the top two.

Noren could be the one to watch.

Ranked No. 704 in January 2015, the Swede woke up Monday as the No. 9 player after winning the Scottish Open, Omega European Masters, the British Masters and the Nedbank Challenge in the space of four months.

It's a remarkable rise that he attributes to being happier following the birth of his first child early this year and spending more time in practice hitting shots on the course rather than at a range.

"Obviously, it's been the season of my life," Noren said.

"I've got a lot more confidence having the lead and being up (there), it's obviously more comfortable."

Stenson played alongside Noren during the final round on Sunday and saw him overturn a six-shot deficit to win by six strokes. "He's definitely in there in the mix for the last week," Stenson said. "With Alex playing as well as he does, (it) just motivates me even more to bring my game next week and then try and be up there."

Willett has just one top-10



Henrik Stenson of Sweden blast out of bunker on the six green during the Nedbank Golf Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016.

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finish on either side of the Atlantic since June and has dropped out of the top 10 in the rankings.

A 67-69 finish at the Nedbank has boosted his confidence going into the World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Golf Estates, where he finished fourth last year.

"The golf course, it doesn't necessarily suit my game," Willett said. "I'm not massive off the tee and I can't take out all the bunkers, but it does reward really good mid-iron play."

"Things we're working on, everything feels better, a little bit more happy going into next week." □

Murray wins in his debut as the world's top-ranked player

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LONDON (AP) — Taking the court as the No. 1-ranked player for the first time, Andy Murray got the job done.

The Wimbledon champion was tested for much of his opening match at the ATP finals but still came out on top, playing in his home country and beating Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-2 Monday at the O2 Arena. "It was obviously nice to play in that stadium with the crowd like that. It obviously helps," Murray said. "After a long, kind of, few months, it's nice to know that I'm going to be finishing the year playing in that sort of atmosphere."

Murray took over at the top of the rankings last week, replacing Novak Djokovic. But the year-end No. 1 ranking is still up for grabs and could be decided on Sunday if both Murray and Djokovic reach the final.

The prospect of attaining that, however, doesn't seem to be weighing too heavily on Murray's mind.

"The last few days, I haven't thought about it too much," Murray said.

"It didn't change much for me." It certainly hasn't affected his ability to win matches. Murray has won a career-high eight titles this season, including a second Wimbledon title in July and a second straight Olympic gold medal in August. Since then, he has won titles in Beijing, Shanghai, Vienna and Paris.

The latest victory on Monday didn't come so easy. Murray struggled to win his service games in the first set against Cilic, but still ended up saving all but one of the five break points he faced in the match. On the other side, he converted four of his five break points.

"When I need to step in, I didn't. When I need to wait a little bit longer, I wasn't waiting," said Cilic, the 2014 U.S. Open champion. "The hitting could have been better. Yeah, a little bit unfortunate to go 6-3, 6-2 down, where it felt it was much, much closer in the first set. Beginning of the second, I had couple chances as well."

In the early match, Stan Wawrinka finally lost a match at the ATP finals to someone who hasn't been ranked No. 1 in the world. The U.S. Open champion, who has reached the semi-finals of the season-ending tournament for the last three years, was beaten by Kei Nishikori 6-2, 6-3.

"It was not a great match compared to what I can do, that's for sure," said Wawrinka, a three-time Grand Slam champion. "I don't think I find anything on the court today. I was a little bit slow on everything. I was hesitating a lot with my game, my movement."

Wawrinka holds a 6-7 record at the tournament for the top eight players in the world, but his previous six losses were against Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal — twice to each. Monday's loss doesn't mean Wawrinka is out of the tournament, but it hurts his chances of finishing the year as the No. 3-ranked player. Wawrinka, Nishikori and Milos Ra-



Andy Murray of Britain plays a return to Marin Cilic of Croatia during their ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

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onic all have a chance to end up one spot behind Murray and Djokovic. "I'm sure I still have something inside me to play some great tennis before the end of the year, so I'm going to try everything for that in the next match,"

Wawrinka said. "I'm going to do what I need to do tomorrow to get ready for trying to play better in two days." Nishikori, currently ranked fifth, helped his own chances of reaching that third spot by breaking Wawrinka twice in each set

while not allowing a single break point on his serve.

"I'm not thinking too much about rankings, but would be nice if I could finish 4 or 3," Nishikori said. "I see good chance to be there if I can play good this week." □

Seager, Fulmer take Rookie of the Year honors

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Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Corey Seager and Detroit pitcher Michael Fulmer were on Monday named National League and American League rookies of the year, judged by voting from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Seager's unanimous victory was almost a foregone conclusion after he hit .308 with 26 home runs and 72 RBIs this year. Fulmer, on the other hand, had to hold off a late challenge from New York Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez, who hit 20 home runs in only 53 games.

Fulmer's season-long contributions for Detroit won out. The right-hander went 11-7 with a 3.06 ERA in 26 starts for the Tigers. He ended up receiving 26 of 30 first-place votes from the BBWAA, outdistancing Sanchez by a total of 142 points to 91.

Cleveland outfielder Tyler Naquin finished third in the AL race.

Seager received the maximum 150 points in the NL vote, followed by Washington outfielder Trea Turner (42) and Dodgers pitcher Kenta Maeda (37).

Seager is the 17th Dodgers player to earn Rookie of the Year honors — easily the most of any team — but the franchise hadn't had a winner since Todd Hollandsworth in 1996.

The Dodgers, when based in Brooklyn, had the first Rookie of the Year when Jackie Robinson won in 1947. They also had four winners in a row from 1979-82 and five in a row from 1992-96. Seager, a first-round draft pick by the Dodgers in 2012, was the second player in a row to win NL Rookie of the Year unanimously. Kris Bryant of the Chicago Cubs did it last year. Seager joins a list of Dodgers Rookie of the Year winners that includes luminaries like Robinson, Fernando Valenzuela (1981) and Mike Piazza (1993).

Fulmer is the fifth Tigers player to win the award,



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joining Justin Verlander (2006), Lou Whitaker (1978), Mark Fidrych (1976) and Harvey Kuenn (1953).

NFL Roundup

Goal line defense works out for Seahawks this time

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) -- This time, Seattle won it at the goal line. It certainly won't make up for the Super Bowl loss two seasons back, but the Seahawks' goal-line stand lifted them to a 31-24 victory over the New England Patriots on Sunday night.

Tom Brady couldn't connect with Rob Gronkowski on a fade pattern on fourth down as New England (7-2) failed four times from inside the 2 in the dying moments.

"He was playing off me ... pretty far, farther than usual," Gronkowski said about safety Kam Chancellor. "You don't usually see that.

A fade, I had to go up to him and initiate a move. I just wanted get on top of his toes, that is what you are taught. I just got up on his toes too much."

It was reminiscent of how the Seahawks (6-2-1) lost the 2015 Super Bowl when Malcolm Butler intercepted at the goal line to win the NFL title for the Patriots.

"When it got down to it, when you get a chance to win a game on the 1-yard line, there ain't nothing like it in football," said coach Pete Carroll, whose Seahawks worked on defending that exact play at the end of Friday's practice. "It's one of the great challenges that a team and a defense gets. And our guys just came through, and hung in there, and just fought for every inch and let us walk away with the win." Doug Baldwin caught three touchdown passes from Russell Wilson, including a 15-yarder for the final margin. Strangely, Seattle went for 2 points and failed on the conversion, leaving



Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin (89) catches a pass for his third touchdown of the game during the second half of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass. The Seahawks won 31-24.

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the Patriots a chance to tie with a touchdown and an extra point kick.

"We wanted to make it a two-possession game," Carroll said.

But LeGarrette Blount, who earlier rushed for three touchdowns and has 12 this season, couldn't get into the end zone from close range, nor could Brady on a pair of sneaks.

"Our execution wasn't great," Brady said, "and they put a lot of pressure on you defensively. They have a lot of good players and they make you earn every yard.

They play to the end, they have been in a lot of close games. "It came down to a yard at the end and we didn't get it."

Wilson finished 25 for 37 for 348 yards and the three scores to Baldwin. Brady was 23 of 32 for 316 yards but no TDs after throwing for 12 in his

first four games since returning from suspension. New England's Martellus Bennett had seven receptions for 102 yards to lead all receivers.

A GAME OF SWINGS

It was a fierce, sometimes viciously physical game.

Gronkowski took one particularly hard hit from Seahawks' standout safety Earl Thomas and temporarily had to leave the game in the first half. It also was a game of big plays and big swings, perhaps none more so than Julian Edelman's spectacular over-the-shoulder 33-yard catch on a third-and-25 to end the third quarter.

That set up Stephen Gostkowski's 30-yard field goal for a 24-22 lead. Or maybe it was rookie C.J. Prosise's 38-yard catch between two defenders to the New England 2, leading to Hauschka's fourth field goal

after a strong goal-line stand by the Patriots.

Or any of Baldwin's three TD receptions.

Or, in the end, the power of Seattle's interior defense on the short runs by Blount or Brady, and Kam Chancellor's tight coverage on Gronkowski on the final play.

BLOUNT INSTRUMENT Blount scored twice on 1-yard rushes, bulling his way into the end zone on the second score. He also scooted left for a 13-yard TD in the third period for a 21-19 lead.

PICK-FREE NO MORE Brady's interception in the second quarter derailed the Patriots' chance to tie the 1960 Cleveland Browns for an NFL-record nine games without an interception. DeShawn Shead made the pick.

New England had thrown 258 passes before being intercepted.

DON'T DEFER

Someday perhaps teams will learn not to defer when winning the opening coin toss against New England.

The Patriots drove relentlessly for 75 yards and their opening touchdown after the Seahawks did precisely that.

New England has scored touchdowns on five of its opening nine drives this season, three of those with Brady at quarterback. Oh yeah, Seattle went three-and-out with the second-half kickoff. □

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NHL Capsules

Blackhawks win 3-2 to hand Canadiens rare regulation loss

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CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Kane scored a spectacular tiebreaking goal in the second period and the Chicago Blackhawks beat Montreal 3-2 on Sunday night, handing the league-leading Canadiens just their second regulation loss of the season.

Marian Hossa added his team-leading ninth and rookie Gustav Forsling scored his first in the NHL as Chicago improved to 9-0-2 in its last 11 and ended Montreal's four-game winning streak.

Shea Weber and Andrei Markov scored for the Canadiens in a match-up of conference leaders.

Both goalies faced teams from their hometowns. Canadiens backup Al Montoya, a Chicago native, made 32 saves. Chicago's Corey Crawford, from Montreal, stopped 21 shots.

Kane put Chicago ahead 3-2 with 3:37 left in the second period to cap a terrific individual effort. Kane skated down the slot, fooled Jeff Petry with a move and chipped a shot past Montoya — while falling to the ice with Max Pacioretty checking him closely from behind.

RANGERS 3, OILERS 1
EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Michael Grabner scored twice, Antti Raanta stopped 38 shots and New York beat Edmonton.

Dan Girardi also scored to help the Rangers win for the seventh time in eight games — including two victories against the Oilers. Grabner now has 10 goals in 16 games this season, topping the nine he had in 80 games with Toronto last year.

Andrej Sekera scored for Edmonton and Cam Talbot finished with 24 saves. The Oilers have lost three straight to fall to 2-5-1 since starting the season 7-1-0.

CANUCKS 5, STARS 4, OT



Montreal Canadiens goalie Al Montoya, left, blocks a shot by Chicago Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Chicago, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016.

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Troy Stecher tied it with 1:40 left in the third period and Markus Granlund scored in overtime, helping Vancouver rally to beat Dallas.

Dallas held leads of 3-1 and 4-3, but Vancouver got goals from Louis Eriksson, Brandon Sutter, Bo Horvat and Stecher to force overtime. The Canucks were coming off a 1-5 road trip and have two wins in their last 12 games.

Ryan Miller made 17 saves for Vancouver.

Patrick Eaves scored twice and Lauri Korpikoski and Antoine Roussel also scored for the Stars, who wrapped up a five-game road trip 2-1-2.

Kari Lehtonen stopped 25 shots for Dallas, which had won 10 straight against the Canucks.

Granlund scored 1:27 into overtime by finding a loose puck off a faceoff and snapping it past Lehtonen.

JETS 3, KINGS 2, SO
WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Mark Scheifele scored the deciding goal in a shootout to give Winnipeg a victory over Los Angeles.

Patrik Laine also beat Peter Budaj in the shootout, and Dwight King scored against the Jets' Connor Hellebuyck.

The Jets are 3-0-1 in their last four games and 8-7-2 overall. The Kings have lost three straight to drop to 7-8-1.

Kings forward Kyle Clifford was called for a boarding major in the first period for a hit that sent Jets forward Kyle Connor into the boards head-first. Adam Lowry and Marko Dano took advantage with power-play goals.

Connor left for the dressing room, but returned for the second period.

Tanner Pearson scored in the first period for Los Angeles, and defenseman Tom Gilbert tied it midway through the third.

WILD 2, SENATORS 1, OT
OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Matt Dumba scored late in overtime and Darcy Kuemper stopped 35 shots, helping Minnesota beat Ottawa.

Ryan Suter scored a short-handed goal for the Wild, and Kuemper was nearly perfect in his third start of the season. Craig Anderson made 40 saves and was again solid for the Senators, who got a goal from Kyle Turris 5:06 into the third period.

The Wild were playing their third game in four nights to conclude a four-game trip, but they controlled much of the action with Ottawa looking disorganized for most of the night.

BRUINS 2, AVALANCHE 0
DENVER (AP) — Tuukka Rask stopped 21 shots

and David Krejci scored in the first period, lifting Boston over Colorado.

Rask showed no signs of fatigue despite being in net for a second straight night.

He made 31 saves in a 2-1 win over Arizona on Saturday. Rask got his 33rd career shutout and moved to 7-0 on the road this season.

Krejci scored his second goal of the season on a wrist shot midway through the first period.

The Avalanche pulled Semyon Varlamov with about a minute remaining but couldn't generate much offense.

Dominic Moore sealed it with an empty-net goal with 27.2 seconds remaining.

Varlamov was the hard-luck loser, stopping a season-high 43 shots. □

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Warriors stars seal hard-fought win against Suns

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Klay Thompson hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 4:31 left and another with 3:13 remaining to score a season-high 30 points, Stephen Curry also had 30 points with five 3s, and the balanced Golden State Warriors held off the Phoenix Suns 133-120 on Sunday night.

Kevin Durant added 29 points, nine rebounds and five assists as Golden State just missed a third 30-point performance by its star three.

The Warriors avoided a second home loss at this early stage that would have matched their total of two defeats at Oracle Arena in each of the past two regular seasons.

Thompson shot 11 for 18 also with five 3s and scored 14 of his points in the fourth, while Draymond Green finished with 14 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds for Golden State.

Eric Bledsoe and T.J. Warren scored 20 points apiece to lead six players in double figures for the Suns.

MAGIC 119, THUNDER 117
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Serge Ibaka's baseline jumper with less than a second remaining lifted Orlando past Oklahoma City.



Phoenix Suns' Devin Booker, right, is defended by Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, in Oakland, Calif. Golden State won 133-120.

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Ibaka, who was traded from the Thunder to the Magic in the offseason, scored a career-high 31 points and added nine rebounds and four blocks.

With the score tied in the final minute, Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook missed a pull-up jumper, and Orlando rebounded and called timeout with 11

seconds remaining to set up Ibaka's winner with 0.4 seconds left.

Westbrook finished with 41 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds for his third triple-double of the season and 40th of his career. The Thunder had won 20 straight when Westbrook tallied a triple-double.

Elfrid Payton scored 23

points and Evan Fournier added 21 for the Magic, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

CAVALIERS 100, HORNETS 93

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James sparked a fourth-quarter comeback with 11 points, Channing Frye scored a season-high 20 and Cleveland beat Charlotte.

James, who finished with 19 points, also had five assists in the final period. He had eight points on 4-of-15 shooting through three quarters.

Kyle Irving scored 19 points and Kevin Love added 17, but neither played in the fourth quarter as Cleveland coach Tyronn Lue stuck with the group that helped Cleveland take control of the game.

Kemba Walker scored 21 points for the Hornets, who have lost two straight after starting the season 6-1.

TIMBERWOLVES 125, LAKERS 99

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Wiggins had a career-high 47 points, equaling the entire Lakers starting lineup to lead Minnesota.

Wiggins made 14 of 21 shots and Nemanja Bjelica added a career-high 24 points and eight rebounds for the Timberwolves, who

played without starting guard Zach LaVine and reserve forward Shabazz Muhammad. Both missed the game with sore right knees. Lou Williams scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter for the Lakers, who got 47 points from their starters and 52 from their bench. Julius Randle had 14 points and six rebounds and Jordan Clarkson scored 14.

TRAIL BLAZERS 112, NUGGETS 105

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Damian Lillard scored 32 points and the Trail Blazers handed the struggling Nuggets their fourth straight loss.

CJ McCollum added 21 points for the Blazers, who have won five of their last six games. Portland trailed 57-50 at the break, but came alive in the second half and outscored Denver 36-15 in the third quarter.

Jamal Murray hit a 3-pointer to pull Denver within 110-105 in the final seconds, but the rally came up short.

It was the Blazers' seventh straight victory over the Nuggets at the Moda Center.

Murray and Danilo Gallinari led the Nuggets with 19 points apiece and Kenneth Faried added 18. The Nuggets have struggled with injuries this season and have just three wins. □

After home loss, US seeks 1st qualifying win at Costa Rica

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)

— Standing on a sideline at Estadio Nacional, where a running track and 20-30 yards separate the field from the stands, Kasey Keller remembered getting hit on the head by a half-eaten hot dog during a World Cup qualifier at nearby Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, where fans were on top of players and the U.S. went 0-7 in World Cup qualifying.

"Crazy" and "war" were some of the words the retired goalkeeper used.

American players were hit with bags of urine, coins

and batteries. The result was no different three years ago at the spacious new venue, where Costa Rica scored twice in the first nine minutes of a 3-1 win.

Coming off Friday's 2-1 home loss to Mexico in the opening match of the final qualifying round for the 2018 tournament, the Americans are convinced they will end their skid on Tuesday night.

"History is just that, it's history," captain Michael Bradley said Monday. "There's nothing anybody can do to change that, and quite honestly, we don't spend a whole lot of time worrying about it."

The U.S. is 0-8-1 in World Cup qualifying at Costa Rica, losing its last eight matches. For the first time in 15 years, all three home teams were defeated on the same day in the hexagonal, as the final qualifying round in the North and Central and Caribbean region is known. In addition to the Americans' loss in Columbus, Ohio, Costa Rica won 2-0 at Trinidad and Tobago and Panama won 1-0 at Honduras.

"You want to make sure that you're not falling behind, so that gives it a little more spice here tomorrow night," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said during a news conference at the

35,175-capacity stadium, which was paid for by the Chinese government and opened in 2011. "We see it in many occasions that once we go a goal down, the dynamic changes and we add another gear to our game. It's maybe in the characteristics just of our program, of our players. Sometimes they need a wakeup call to get it really going."

The U.S. struggled for much of the first 30 minutes against Mexico, leaving too much space in a three-center back formation designed around 18-year-old midfield wunderkind Christian Pulisic. □



United States coach Jurgen Klinsmann answers questions during a press conference at the National Stadium, in San Jose, Costa Rica, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. United States will face Costa Rica for 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match Tuesday.

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New Macs, Lenovo laptop make traditional keyboards touchy

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NEW YORK (AP) — Can the venerable laptop keyboard get more touchy-feely — and in a good way?

We're about to find out. Higher-end models of Apple's MacBook Pro now come with a narrow touch screen above the regular keyboard for quick access to common settings and tasks, while Lenovo's Yoga Book laptop loses the physical keyboard entirely.

The traditional keyboard has never struck me as needing much improvement, although people who've grown up on touch screens might well feel differently. These touch innovations, in fact, may mostly be aimed at luring such users to laptops.

So how do the new touch features improve typing and computing?

TOUCH SCREENS, NOT KEYBOARDS

Many Windows laptops and tablets with physical keyboard accessories have long had touch screens. You still type primarily on a traditional keyboard, but you can poke screen icons and menus directly with your finger instead of navigating with a mouse or trackpad.

This can be useful for basic tasks such as opening apps, moving the cursor to the search bar and rebooting the machine. But when fixing typos in documents, selecting email to delete and even editing photos, my trackpad is generally more precise than my fat fingers on the screen. A stylus helps, but I'm prone to misplacing it. It's also generally faster to just keep your fingers on the keys.

TOUCH KEYS

Largely for these reasons, Apple has shunned touch screens on its notebooks. But its high-end MacBooks are getting a separate, narrow strip that replaces the top row of function keys you'll find on most keyboards. This Touch Bar offers the same functions, but instead of hitting F11



This Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016, file photo, shows MacBook computers in a demo room following the announcement of new products at Apple headquarters, in Cupertino, Calif.

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or F12 to change volume, for instance, you tap the speaker icon to bring up a volume slider.

You can fix up to four icons in place: the initial defaults are brightness, volume, mute and the Siri voice assistant. The rest of the strip

or directions. Mail and Messages offer auto-complete suggestions as you type, plus a button for emojis, similar to what you'd find on iPhones and iPads.

You get touch access to system controls, such as "cancel" and "save," so

brary more quickly than using arrow keys. And the Touch Bar does make it easy to include emojis in messages.

Because I use it frequently, I made the screenshot function a default icon. No more opening Grab, navigating



This file image provided by Lenovo shows the company's Yoga Book, which doesn't have a physical keyboard.

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changes based on context.

When you're using the Safari browser, for instance, you typically get thumbnails of individual tabs for easy switching between websites. But that changes to play and pause if you're watching Netflix, while your name and address pop up as choices when filling out online forms. Apple's Maps app offers one-touch access to nearby businesses

you don't have to move your cursor. Third-party apps can add their own functionality, too, though the ones I use regularly have yet to do so.

HABITS AND DISCOVERIES

The new volume and brightness sliders are much easier to use than tapping the appropriate function key multiple times to get the level I want. In Photos, I can scroll through my li-

a menu and returning to the window I'm trying to preserve. I've also discovered functions I never knew existed, such as the ability to highlight text in Preview with different colors.

This may matter less if, like me, you're a pretty good typist with a command of keyboard shortcuts. The Touch Bar will be more useful for those who look down at the keys when typing.

One suggestion: The mute

icon stays the same regardless of whether the Mac is already on mute. How about a distinct icon to unmute, now that the options are dynamic?

FINGERPRINTS

The Mac now turns on automatically when you open the lid. In place of a power button is a fingerprint scanner, similar to what's found on mobile devices. You still have to type in my password occasionally as a security measure, but you can avoid doing so most of the time when resuming a session or installing new software.

WHAT ELSE

The MacBook Pro has a larger trackpad and is lighter and thinner than previous models, thanks in part to shorter keys that don't feel awkward.

You no longer get regular USB ports or an SD memory card slot for photos. That means buying adapters to connect older printers, scanners and your iPhone to the new USB-C ports. On the plus side, you can now connect the power charger on either side, depending on where the outlet is. And the MacBook retains a headphone jack, something the latest iPhones dropped.

If you don't need the Touch Bar or the fingerprint scanner, you can save \$300 with an entry-level MacBook Pro, but it is slower and has ports only on one side.

DISAPPEARING KEYBOARD

Meanwhile, the 10-inch Yoga Book (about \$500 for Android, \$600 for Windows) retains the clamshell design of a laptop but has a second touch screen where the keyboard normally goes.

Unlike pop-up touch keyboard in tablets, this one doesn't block the main display as you type. Without physical keys, the device is just 0.38 inch thick, or about two-thirds the thickness of the new MacBooks.

The touch keyboard also doubles as a handwriting pad for notes and doodling with the included stylus. □

Samsung's \$8B ticket into the red-hot automotive tech race

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Samsung Electronics' \$8 billion acquisition of the U.S. auto electronics company Harman will instantly transform the South Korean tech company into a major player in the highly competitive and rapidly growing market for auto infotainment, software and connected car technology.

Samsung announced Monday that it would pay \$112.00 per share in cash for the Stamford, Connecticut, company. It's Samsung's largest acquisition by far and it will put the company in a strong position as the race to develop autonomous vehicles barrels forward.

Harman International Industries Inc. is already a \$7 billion-in-sales per year player in the automotive market. It makes touch screens that control vehicle functions and infotainment systems, and it's dominant in automotive sound systems with brands such as Harman Kardon, JBL, Infinity and Mark Levinson.

In recent years Harman has used acquisitions to move into over-the-internet software updates and cyber security.

Harman complements Samsung's work in electronic displays and com-



In this Dec. 12, 2013 file photo, a man with a mobile phone walks by the Samsung Electronics logos at its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea.

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puter processors and, because of its established reputation in the auto industry, gives Samsung a strong foothold there, said Sam Abuelsamid, senior analyst for Navigant Research.

Samsung plans to keep Harman as an independent subsidiary and retain its management team, the companies said. That allows Samsung to enter the auto business with a different and well-established brand, avoiding any image problems because of the recent Samsung Galaxy Note 7 cell phone battery

fires.

"They're looking for other revenue streams not necessarily as dependent on consumer perceptions," Abuelsamid said.

Sophisticated telematics systems will be in most new cars by 2020 to support over-the-internet software updates and other functions, Abuelsamid said. Since Harman already supplies screens and software, Samsung can get in the door to sell computer chips, he said.

The deal also positions Samsung well as car computers take on more and more

driving functions while en route to fully autonomous cars, Abuelsamid said. Last month, Samsung bought artificial intelligence firm Viv Labs, founded by creators of Apple's Siri. It also recently bought a cloud service company, a mobile payments firm and a connected home startup. "They're putting together a lot of the pieces that they could integrate to supply some of these companies," Abuelsamid said. More than 30 million cars already are equipped with Harman components, and most of its sales for the

year that ended Sept. 30 came from auto-related technologies.

"Upon closing, the transaction will immediately give Samsung a significant presence in the large and rapidly growing market for connected technologies, particularly automotive electronics, which has been a strategic priority for Samsung," the company said. Samsung is a late-comer to the market for connected cars. In December 2015, the company made its ambitions for the self-driving car sector known by announcing that it will create a business division to focus on auto systems and components for autonomous driving. Samsung follows other tech companies rushing into the automotive space. LG, one of Samsung's biggest competitors, already has aggressively entered the market, and that may have motivated Samsung to spend \$8 billion to propel its entry into the sector, Abuelsamid said. LG, through its LG Chem battery unit, supplies batteries for General Motors electric cars, and through that relationship, LG sold a lot of other components to GM for the Chevrolet Bolt electric car, he said. Google has already developed autonomous cars and has been testing them for several years. □



In this June 24, 2016 file picture the logo of German industrial conglomerate Siemens is pictured prior to opening ceremony at the new headquarters in Munich, Germany.

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German industrial equipment maker Siemens AG says it has agreed to buy U.S.-based software firm

Mentor Graphics Corp. for \$4.5 billion, broadening Siemens digital capabilities. The companies said in a joint statement Monday

Siemens to buy Oregon-based Mentor Graphics for \$4.5 billion

that Mentor's board recommended shareholders approve the deal.

Siemens said it would pay \$37.25 a share in cash, or 21 percent more than Mentor's closing price on Friday. Mentor, based in Wilsonville, Oregon just south of Portland, specializes in software used to design computer chips, technology with broad potential applications to smart and connected devices such as autonomous vehicles. It has customers in industries ranging from aerospace to consumer electronics and 5,700 employees in 32

countries. Mentor had revenues of \$1.2 billion in its last fiscal year.

Siemens CEO Joe Kaeser said in a statement that Mentor was "an established technology leader with a talented employee base that will allow us to supplement our world-class industrial software portfolio." Siemens' businesses include factory automation, power generation and transmission, medical scanners and trains. Mentor CEO Walden C. Rhines said that "combining Mentor's technology leadership and deep customer relation-

ships with Siemens' global scale and resources will better enable us to serve the growing needs of our customers, and unlock additional significant opportunities for our employees." Mentor is to become part of the product life cycle management software business at Siemens' digital factory division. Product life cycle management software allows companies to manage the life-cycle of a product efficiently, from design and manufacture through service and disposal, using computer-aided design and manufacturing.

American Apparel files for bankruptcy protection, again

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Apparel is seeking bankruptcy protection for the second time in just over a year, unable to find its footing in a shifting retail landscape and after a contentious fight for control with company founder Dov Charney.

Canada's Gildan Activewear is buying the American Apparel brand, notorious for sexually provocative ad campaigns, for \$66 million.

The Los Angeles retailer first filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October 2015, about a year after it fired Charney for violating its sexual harassment policy. Charney's

lengthy legal campaign to retake control of the company was rejected by a bankruptcy court judge in January.

Charney denies the sexual harassment charges and has claimed the company was taken from him in a "coup."

The company brought in CEO Paula Schneider to usher the company out of bankruptcy, but she left earlier this year as the turnaround stalled.

For more than a decade, American Apparel has been defined by, and criticized for, its racy ads, often depicting barely-dressed young women in sexually suggestive poses.



In this Wednesday, July 9, 2014, file photo, passers-by walk in front of the American Apparel store in the Shadyside neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

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Though the ad campaign helped put American Apparel on the map, it has struggled like other retailers since the recession. A host of mall staples — Aeropostale, Pacific Sunwear, Wet Seal and Dellia's — have also filed for bank-

ruptcy protection in the past few years.

Even as department stores like Macy's, Kohl's and Penney's prepare for a holiday season that may be the best in years, they have been unable to produce consistently positive results because consumer behavior has shifted so drastically, both in where and what is bought.

Many more people shop on online, and more dollars are going toward technology, travel, or nights out.

American Apparel, which manufactures all of its clothes in the U.S., has lost money every year since 2010. □

U.S. stocks finish level as tech losses cancel out bank gains

MARLEY JAY
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks came back from an early loss and finished almost unchanged Monday. Technology companies like Apple and Microsoft took big losses on fears about their overseas revenue, but bank stocks continued to surge along with bond yields.

Technology stocks have been weak since last week's election, and they fell further Monday as investors wonder if Donald Trump's policies as president will hurt their sales in China and other markets overseas.

Bank stocks built on their post-election gains as bond yields continued to rise. That paves the way for banks to make more money from lending. Government bond yields are now at their highest levels since January.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 21.03 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 18,868.69, another all-time high. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 0.25 points to 2,164.20 after it fell as much as 0.4 percent earlier. The Nasdaq composite sank 18.72 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,218.40.

Technology companies

fell sharply, with familiar names taking some of the largest losses. Apple gave up \$2.72, or 2.5 percent, to \$105.71 while Facebook declined \$3.94, or 3.3 percent, to \$115.08 and Microsoft slid 90 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$58.12. Alphabet, the parent company of Google, slipped \$18.53, or 2.4 percent, to \$753.22. Bond prices fell and yields jumped as investors anticipated that Trump's spending plans would lead to higher inflation and more government borrowing. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note climbed to 2.25 percent from 2.14 percent late Thursday. Bond trading was closed Friday for the Veterans' Day holiday. The day before the Nov. 8 election, the yield was 1.83 percent. That's a huge move for that benchmark rate.

Goldman Sachs rose \$5.24 percent, to 2.6 percent, to \$209.18 and Bank of America rose \$1.06, or 5.6 percent, to \$20.08. JPMorgan Chase picked up \$2.82, or 3.7 percent, to \$79.51.

Stone said investors are focused on potential corporate and individual tax cuts, a "wave of deregulation" that eliminates some of the rules governing businesses like energy companies and banks, and more

protectionism on trade, which could hurt sales for companies that do a lot of business overseas.

Investors are also pleased at the prospect of looser regulation and bigger profits. For example, Trump's election could result in big changes to the Dodd-Frank financial reform bill or to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Stone added that corporate dealmaking could increase if Trump's administration takes a looser approach to antitrust regulation. Several companies announced deals or deal offers Monday.

The dollar rose against other currencies as U.S. interest rates rose. It jumped to 108.51 Japanese yen from 106.78 yen. The euro fell to \$1.0726 from \$1.0845.

Oil prices bounced back from a big loss early on. Benchmark U.S. crude slipped just 9 cents to \$43.32 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 32 cents to \$44.43 a barrel in London.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline lost 3 cents to \$1.28 a gallon. Heating oil fell 2 cents to \$1.39 a gallon. Natural gas jumped 13 cents, or 5 percent, to \$2.75 per 1,000 cubic feet.



Traders James Dresch, left, and Gregory Rowe work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

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Gold fell \$2.60 to \$1,221.70 an ounce. Silver lost 49 cents, or 2.8 percent, to \$16.89 an ounce. Copper picked up 1 cent to \$2.52 a pound.

France's CAC 40 rose 0.4 percent and Germany's DAX added 0.2 percent. The FTSE 100 index of lead-

ing British shares closed 0.3 percent higher. In Japan the Nikkei 225 jumped 1.7 percent after a strong reading on Japan's economic growth. The Kospi in South Korea lost 0.5 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng slipped 1.4 percent. □

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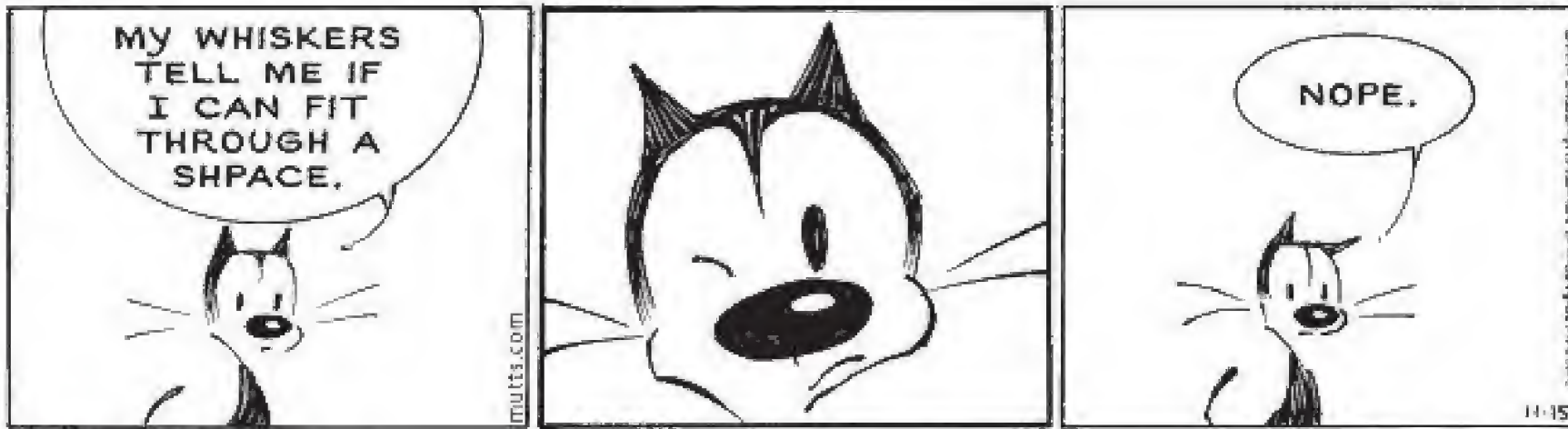
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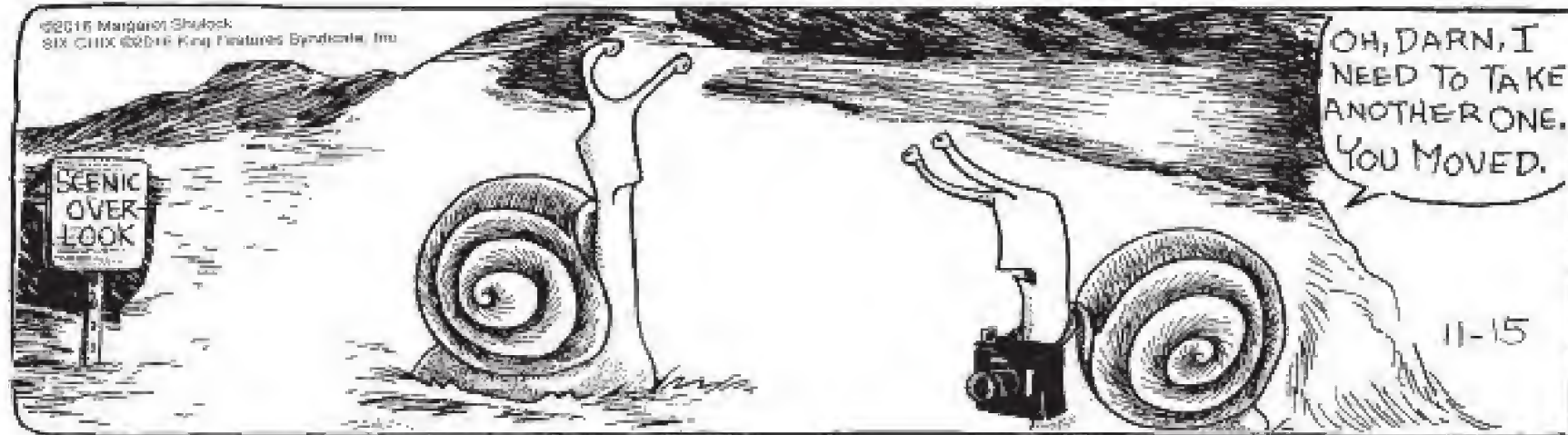
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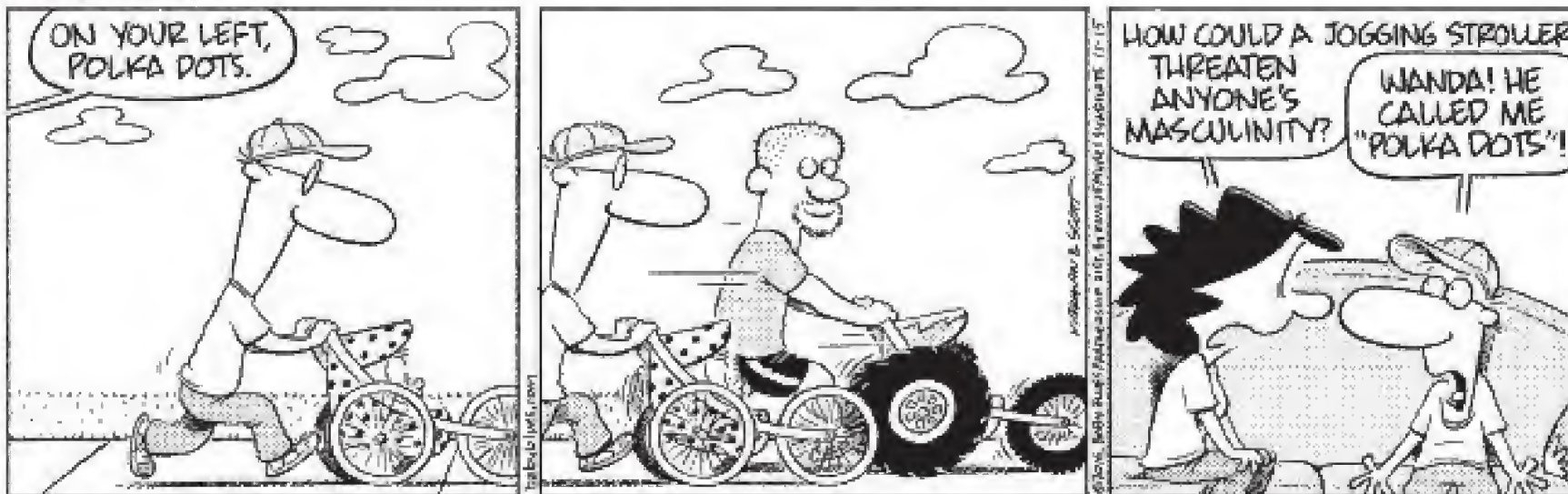
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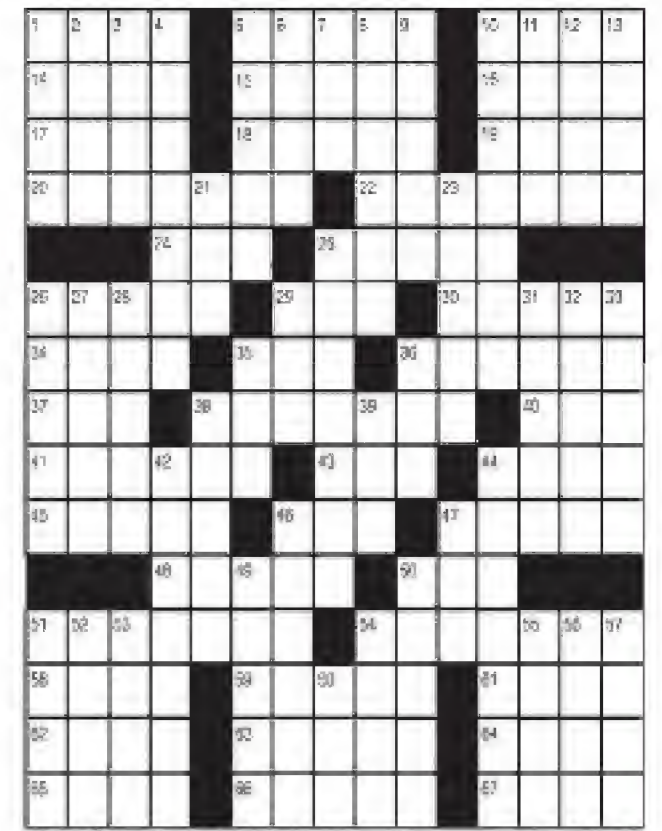
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Keep for later
- Wetland
- Exhibit
- Mountain goat
- Neighbor of India
- Showed up
- Radar screen image
- "Carmen" or "Rigoletto"
- Eager
- Game for which there are no more tickets
- Turkey's inner organs
- Many a time
- Longed
- Happy or Doc
- Hoodwink
- Approaches
- Carnival attraction
- And not
- Mitchell or McArdle
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- Investigate new territory
- Pig's nose
- Cried
- Primate
- Space between text and the edge of a page
- Unadorned
- Burned with liquid
- "Angels We ... Heard on High"
- Leave out
- Marnes
- Take ...; leave
- Goodman with an orchestra
- Piece
- Rough ...; first try at writing
- Grieving wife
- Worship
- Holloway bad
- Zeal
- Peruses
- Wooden shoe
- ... off; doze
- Noah's boat

DOWN

- Bro and sis
- Qualified
- Hair covering

- Slightly more than a quart
- Lawn tree
- ... Hills, CA
- Walked unsteadily
- Evil intent
- Fistful of cash
- African nation
- Helsinki folks
- ... as a boil
- Arden & Plumb
- Biden, for one
- Baby horse
- Maui feast
- Goofs up
- Monthly bill
- Red or Bering

The next stage: Will anti-Trump marches become a movement?

BY JESSICA GRESKO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Demonstrators upset over the election of Donald Trump have marched in cities around the country over the past week, and some are making plans to be in Washington for his inauguration Jan. 20. But whether marches will become a movement is an open question.

At this early stage, the protesters who have taken to the streets to brand Trump a bigot and a sexist and chant "Not my president!" appear to be mostly venting their frustrations and do not seem to have coalesced behind overall leaders or a common set of demands. Columbia University professor Todd Gitlin, who as an early leader of Students for a Democratic Society helped organize an anti-Vietnam War demonstration that brought thousands to Washington in 1965, said the anti-Trump protests by themselves "are not the makings of a movement."

"A movement requires that clusters of people take responsibility for creating vehicles that can carry through, focus energy, develop priorities, strategize, recruit, figure out how to govern themselves," Gitlin said.

For that to happen, a critical mass of protesters has to "transform their mindset from protest into successful politics, which is much less exciting," he said. Gitlin said that means "dirtying our hands in winning local and state battles which are instrumental to changing the national balance." On Monday, hundreds of students decrying Trump's election walked out of schools in Denver, Los Angeles and Silver Spring, Maryland, after a weekend in which thousands of people demonstrated around the country and scores were arrested. Protesters threw rocks at police in Indianapolis and hurled bottles and other objects in Portland, Oregon. March-



High school students protest against the election of President-elect Donald Trump on the steps of Los Angeles City Hall Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.

Associated Press

ers have also converged on Trump Tower in New York, the president-elect's transition headquarters.

Among other things, the demonstrators have condemned Trump's behavior toward women and his stand on immigration and civil liberties.

Ralph Young, a history professor at Temple University in Philadelphia who teaches a course on dissent in America and has written two books on the topic, said it is too early to predict what the marches might become. Once Trump becomes president and starts making policy decisions, that could crystalize opposition and focus people's attention on certain issues, he said. If the anti-Trump demonstrations are going

to become a movement, they also need leaders who can articulate their grievances, he said.

That's one thing the Occupy Wall Street movement against economic inequality never really achieved - a proper organization, Young said.

Jamie Henn of the group 350, which organizes protests to fight climate change, said liberal activist groups are still scrambling to figure out how they will push back against a Trump presidency.

"There is definitely stuff coming together and being planned that looks like the messy process of everyone and their mother throwing up something on their Facebook page," Henn said.

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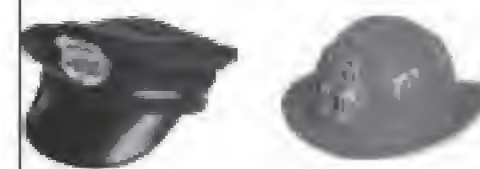
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It's not all in the genes: Clean living can cut heart risks

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AP Chief Medical Writer
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Clean living can slash your risk for heart disease even if your genes are heavily stacked against you. A large study finds that people with the most inherited risk cut their chances of having a heart attack or other heart problems in half if they didn't smoke, ate well, exercised and stayed slim.

The opposite also is true: You can largely trash the benefit of good genes with unhealthy habits.

"DNA is not destiny, and you have control," said the study leader, Dr. Sekar Kathiresan, genetic research chief at Massachusetts General Hospital. "Many people assume that if your father had a heart attack, you're destined to have a problem," but the results show that's not the case, he said.

The study was discussed Sunday at an American Heart Association conference in New Orleans and published online in the New England Journal of



In this Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 file photo, a man jogs at Pier A Park in Hoboken, N.J.

Associated Press

Medicine.

It's long been known that genes and lifestyle affect heart risk, but how much influence each one has, and how much one factor can offset the other, are unknown.

Researchers combined information on more than 55,000 people in four studies around the world. One included imaging to check for plaque building up in heart arteries.

Participants were checked for 50 genes related to heart risks and placed in

five groups based on how many they had. They also were sorted into three groups by healthy lifestyle factors — not being obese, exercising at least once a week, eating a healthy diet and not smoking. The favorable lifestyle group had at least three of these four factors; the unfavorable group had one or none.

The results: people with the most gene risk had nearly twice the chance of developing heart problems than people in the lowest gene risk group did. Roughly the same was true for those in the unfavorable lifestyle group versus the favorable one.

But the interesting part was the difference in risk when gene and lifestyle factors were combined.

"If you have an unfavorable lifestyle and high gene risk, your risk of hav-

ing a heart attack over the next 10 years is 10 percent," but with a good lifestyle, it was only 5 percent in one of the groups in the study, Kathiresan said. When researchers looked at the imaging results, genetic and lifestyle factors matched how much artery plaque was seen. Again, a healthy lifestyle mitigated the damage from flawed genes.

"If genetics has dealt you a bad hand, can you over-

come that? The simple answer is yes," Kathiresan said.

Dr. Pamela Morris of the Medical University of South Carolina, who heads the American College of Cardiology's prevention committee, said some patients with a strong family history of heart problems will say "I'm doomed. Why should I bother?" But this study shows that "when you do the work, it makes a difference," she said. □

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PBS journalist Gwen Ifill dies of cancer

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Gwen Ifill, co-anchor of PBS' "NewsHour" with Judy Woodruff and a veteran journalist who moderated two vice presidential debates, died Monday of cancer, the network said. She was 61.

A former reporter for The New York Times and The Washington Post, Ifill switched to television in the 1990s and covered politics and Congress for NBC News. She moved to PBS in 1999 as host of "Washington Week" and also worked for the nightly "NewsHour" program. She and Woodruff were named co-anchors in 2013.

She moderated vice presidential debates in 2004 and 2008 and authored the book, "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama."

The president on Monday praised Ifill for informing to-

day's citizens while also inspiring a young generation of journalists.

"I always appreciated Gwen's reporting, even when I was on the receiving end of one of her tough" interviews, Obama said.

Ifill took a leave from "NewsHour" for a month this spring for health reasons, keeping details of her illness private. Her health failing, she left "NewsHour" again shortly before an election night that she and Woodruff would have covered together.

"Gwen was a standard bearer for courage, fairness and integrity in an industry going through seismic change," said Sara Just, PBS "NewsHour" executive producer. "She was a mentor to so many across the industry and her professionalism was respected across the political spectrum. She was a journalist's journalist and set an example for all around her."

NBC News' Pete Williams, a former colleague, struggled to keep his composure Monday when announcing Ifill's death on MSNBC.

"She had so many awards in her office you could barely see out the window," Williams said.

U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat, said he was a member of the Maryland state legislature when Ifill worked for the Baltimore Evening Sun.

"She always demonstrated thoughtful intelligence, determination to uncover the facts, and an innate talent for knowing what truly interested the public," Cummings said.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called Ifill "a legend."

"Her dignity and grace, intellect and insight set the standard in American media and public life," Pelosi said.

Shortly before moderating the debate between Joe



In this June 1, 2016, file photo, President Barack Obama removes his suit coat as he participates in a televised town hall event at Lerner Theatre in Elkhart, Ind., with PBS NewsHour co-anchor and manager editor Gwen Ifill, left.

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Biden and Sarah Palin in 2008, Ifill brushed aside concerns that she might not be fair because she was writing a book about Obama. "I've got a pretty long track record covering politics and news, so I'm not particularly worried that one-day blog chatter is going to destroy my reputation," she told The Associated Press

then. Ifill, who was black, also questioned why people would assume her book would be favorable toward Obama.

"Do you think they made the same assumptions about Lou Cannon (who is white) when he wrote his book about Reagan?" she said. □

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In this image released by CBS, Michael Weatherly portrays Dr. Jason Bull in a scene from "Bull," airing Tuesdays on CBS.

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Verdict: Michael Weatherly pleased with legal drama 'Bull'

FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Weatherly doesn't seem like the star of "Bull" so much as its gracious host — at least, if you're visiting the Brooklyn, New York, sound stage where his new CBS drama is filmed.

Oh, there's no question Weatherly is the show's leading man. He's got the title role of Dr. Jason Bull, whose mix of psychological training, gut instinct and predictive algorithms has made Bull the nation's go-to jury consultant.

But there's no sign of Weatherly pulling rank with either co-stars or crew. Between shots, he strolls through the expansive high-tech set meant to represent Bull's Trial Analysis Corporation — with its banks of flat-screens, racks of blinking data processors and even a pingpong table — as he chats up his colleagues, occasionally tossing off a joke. The easy grin on his face is no performance.

No wonder. Having excused himself earlier this year from "NCIS" after 13 red-hot seasons, he is now off to a good start with his own series (which, airing Tuesdays at 9 p.m. EST, has the good fortune to follow "NCIS," still a ratings juggernaut in its 14th year).

"This has been an absolute dream experience," sums up Weatherly, 48. "Sometimes it feels like a pinch-me kind of moment."

One of his goals for "Bull" has been to replicate the esprit de corps of "NCIS," where he played Tony DiNozzo, one of its special agents investigating crimes that involve the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

He points to his former "NCIS" mates David McCallum (a heartthrob a half-century ago on the spy series "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.") and Mark Harmon (once a marquee name and People magazine's 1986 Sexiest Man Alive).

"Both of these men had experienced the highest

heights" yet served "NCIS" as fellow members of the team, says Weatherly, adding that Harmon drew on his experience with ensemble dramas "St. Elsewhere" and "Chicago Hope" to bond the "NCIS" cast. "He empowered us," says Weatherly. "I've tried to bring some of that to this show."

Of course, "Bull" is a different kind of drama. Inspired by the early trial-consulting days of "Dr. Phil" McGraw (one of its executive producers) it "deals with human behavior and empathy and insight," Weatherly explains. And different from DiNozzo is his character Jason Bull, whose cardigan sweater and owl-shaped black-rimmed eyeglasses signal someone "non-threatening, more professorial, not trying to be cool."

Among those at Bull's side at Trial Analysis Corporation is Chunk Palmer, a stylist who fine-tunes clients' appearances for trial. He is played by Christopher Jackson, who originated the role of President George Washington in the Broadway musical "Hamilton," and says that "Bull" is "very much like a theatrical ensemble — a good feeling."

Geneva Carr, who plays TAC neurolinguistics whiz Marissa Morgan, was Tony-nominated for her performance in the play "Hand to God" and won fans as "Mom" in a series of humorous AT&T commercials.

"Michael is one of the kindest people you'll ever meet," she declares. "He is so creative and passionate about doing a good job. It's infectious."

Freddy Rodriguez ("Six Feet Under") portrays Bull's brother-in-law, Benny Colon, a lawyer who steps in as defense attorney for the company's mock trials.

He says when he was offered the role, "The first question I asked was, 'Is Michael cool?' Doing a network TV show is a grind, so the last thing you want is to be part of a show with a leading guy who's (a jerk).

I called around. They were all like, 'Michael is totally cool!'" Cool was what Rodriguez found.

Another way of putting that might be "loosey-goosey," which is how Weatherly sums up his on-set style. It's something he's been working on since his early "NCIS" days: not to take himself too seriously.

In his dressing room between scenes, Weatherly slips off his shoes before changing from Bull's three-piece suit into his signature office duds (blue slacks, white shirt and black cardigan) for the next scene.

Weatherly remains inspired by the philosophy of Jeff Bridges as set forth in his 2012 book "The Dude and The Zen Master."

"He says: Think of the song, 'Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream. Life is just a dream.' You do the work, go with the flow and be happy. It would be a great thing at the end of a hard week if our crew feels we had successfully rowed our boat gently down the stream."

For Bull, it's not that simple.

"He's like a vampire for observing human behavior. He can't help it. How would it be, hyper-analyzing things all the time? What a pain to live like that!"

Weatherly got his own preview of just how onerous last summer, before filming began. He and his wife were in a Boston bar where another couple was making a scene.

"The man was drunk and belligerent, and — I don't know where it came from — I intervened. By pretending to agree with the man, I calmed him down. It was a Bull moment: being hyper-vigilant and sensing the best way to deal with the situation."

"Then I got the guy and his wife into a cab and they left, never knowing who I was."

"My wife was like, 'WHAT was THAT?'"

"And I said, 'I think I was in character. I think I found him!'" □

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New book explores supersized philanthropy of Joan Kroc

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In 2012, journalist Lisa Napoli did a story about a peace monument in Santa Monica, California, that had fallen into disrepair.

She soon learned the identity of the anonymous donor who had paid for it years before: Joan Kroc, heir to the McDonald's hamburger fortune. Curiosity piqued, Napoli went looking for a biography of the philanthropist, only to discover that none existed.

So she decided to tell the story herself.

The result is "Ray & Joan: The Man Who Made the McDonald's Fortune and the Woman Who Gave It All Away," and as the title suggests, it's less about the impetuous, strong-willed woman whom some called St. Joan of the Arches than it is about her passionate and tempestuous relationship with the brash, driven entrepreneur behind one of the world's most successful

brands.

Both were remarkable individuals, but given the limited options available to women of her generation, it's unlikely that Joan would have left as big a mark had she not married Ray.

For him, it was love at first sight from the moment he first set eyes on her playing the organ at a fancy supper club in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Both were married, and it would take another dozen years — and a second marriage and divorce for him — before they finally got hitched. When they did, things didn't get easier. She filed for divorce over his drinking and violent temper.

They ended up reconciling, and she channeled her discontent — and her considerable energy — into funding programs to treat alcoholism and much more.

As long as Ray, a staunch conservative, was alive, Joan mostly kept her politics to her-

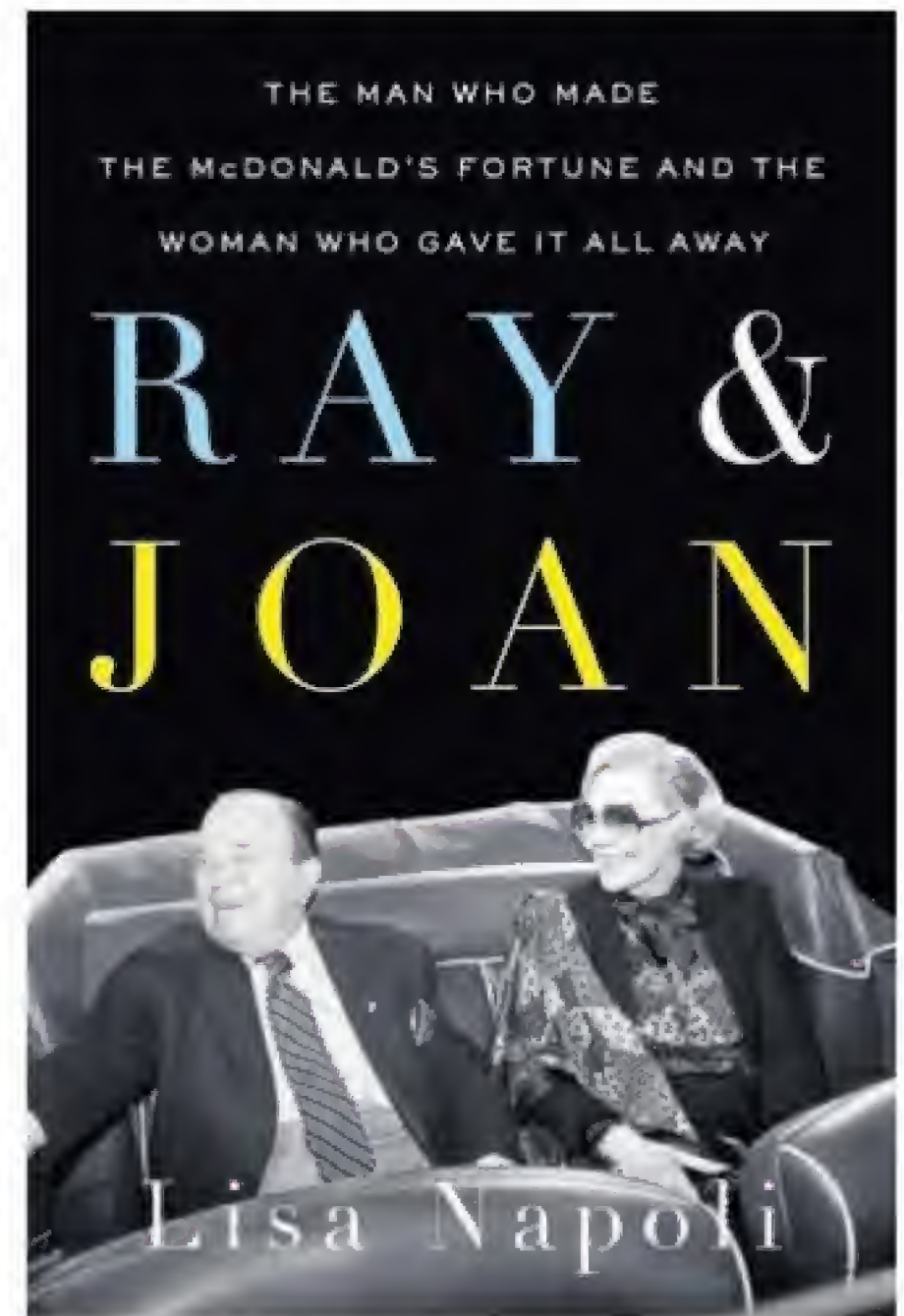
self. After his death in 1984, she began to openly support a variety of liberal and humanitarian causes: the Democratic Party, nuclear disarmament and AIDS research, to name just a few.

When she died in 2003, the Salvation Army and National Public Radio were her biggest beneficiaries.

Napoli tells their story in a brisk, efficient fashion, often sacrificing psychological complexity for melodrama. (About her new life as a socialite: "Joan found it all so boring she wanted to cry.") She's also prone to sweeping generalizations ("Levity was in short supply for the class of 1945") and clichéd language, noting on two occasions that Ray had ketchup in his blood.

Still, it's a fascinating story, and it arrives at an auspicious moment.

In January, the Ray Kroc biopic, "The Founder," starring Michael Keaton, opens in theaters. □



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Toadstool footstools: Are organisms manufacturing's future?

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GREEN ISLAND, N.Y. (AP)

— The sturdy stools and spongy cushions made at a factory in upstate New York are formed with fungus.

Ecovative Design is a business staking its growth on mycelium, the thread-like "roots" of mushrooms.

The mycelium grows around small pieces of stalks and stems to create a bound-together material that can be molded into soft packaging for glassware or pressed into the boards used for the footstools they recently began selling.

"It's like growing a tree in the shape of your furniture," said Ecovative co-founder Gavin McIntyre. "But rather than a tree, we're using mushrooms."

The simple stools are organic markers in ambitious efforts by researchers worldwide to commercially grow fungi, bacteria and proteins into clothing and building materials.



In this Sept. 27, 2016 photo, Ecovative Design co-founders Eben Bayer, left, and Gavin McIntyre pose in Green Island, N.Y.

Associated Press

McIntyre rapped his knuckles on one of their "myco-boards," which look and feel similar to the particle boards that are commonplace in cabinets and big-box store furniture.

bags look little like giant pieces of frosted shredded wheat.

"The fungus is literally self-assembling," McIntyre said.

McIntyre and Ecovative co-founder Eben Bayer have been harnessing mushroom power since they were Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students growing fungus under their beds for a class project a decade ago. Today, they employ about 90 people in a business that found initial success selling a compostable alternative to plastic foams used for packaging items like computers and glass bottles.

But Bayer and McIntyre always believed mycelium to be more multifaceted.

They figured out a way to create boards by adding heat and pressure and how to make flexible cushions.

They sell boards to home furniture makers and recently started offering for sale their own grown-for-home items, like the

\$199 Imperial Stool.

They see their mushroom boards as a formaldehyde-free alternative to composite wood products and are working with outside mills to ramp up production.

As Ecovative makes boards, bioMASON in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, grows bricks from sand, water, bacteria and some nutrients.

The bricks stiffen over several days with the formation of calcium carbonate between the grains of sand, mimicking the process that makes coral reefs sturdy. The company's bricks have been used to pave a pair of courtyards in San Francisco, and it is working with builders and pavers who could make their bricks on site.

"Traditional brick manufacturing is quite energy intensive, as well as con-

pant, Tsuruoka, Japan-based Spiber, last year was involved in the unveiling of a prototype of North Face-branded "Moon Parka," made with synthetic spider silk fibers.

Plans to sell the parka in Japan have been delayed as they improve production.

While many industries see growth potential in growing materials, there are still open questions on whether they will be better than current manufacturing techniques, said Andrew Pelling, of the University of Ottawa. Pelling, who runs a biophysical manipulation lab, has done work growing human ear cells using the cellulose from apples as a sort of scaffolding. He sees a lot of promise and interest from an array of industries, but he also believes there is a long road



Proponents see micro-organisms as factories of the future, displacing energy-intensive manufacturing with more sustainable models.

While the young grow-it-all field is still more about promise than actual products, companies are working on making bricks without kilns, leather without cows and silk without spiders.

He was on the floor of Ecovative's hangar-like facility north of Albany where chopped-up farm stuff is steamed and bagged up with mycelium.

Stacked on high-rise racks, the minuscule white mycelium threads feed on the stalks and woody bits, binding it together. After a week or so, the big clear plastic



crete," said company founder Ginger Krieg Dosier.

Bricks and boards created from living organisms are sometimes called "biofabricated" products.

An annual "Biofabricate" conference to be held Thursday in New York will feature speakers involved in efforts from everything to growing human tissue into ears to growing leather. One conference partici-

ahead for more sophisticated grown products. "We're living in a biological stone age now," he said. "I think we shouldn't underestimate how much complexity there is in biology and I think there are still a lot of mysteries to figure out before we have real full control to dial in anything you want to grow or make or repair," Pelling said. "And for me, that's the exciting part." □